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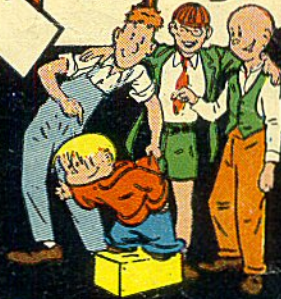
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GO GET HIM, WISE GUYS! HE'S NOT SO TOUGH!

OKAY, GUYS, THERE GOES SLUGGER! THAT'S OUR CUE TO RUSH HIM!

in this issue:
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in
"THE TRICK BASEBALL BAT"
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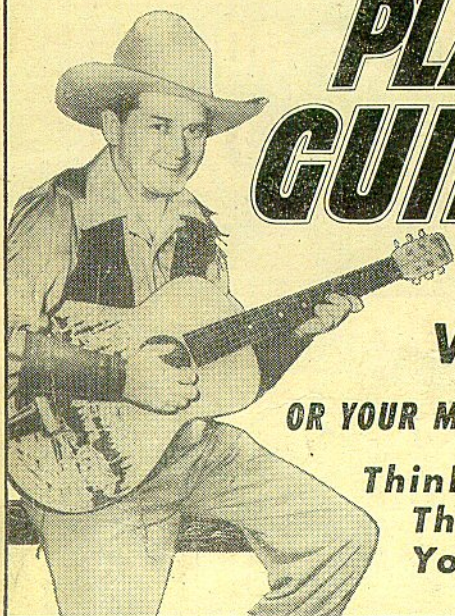
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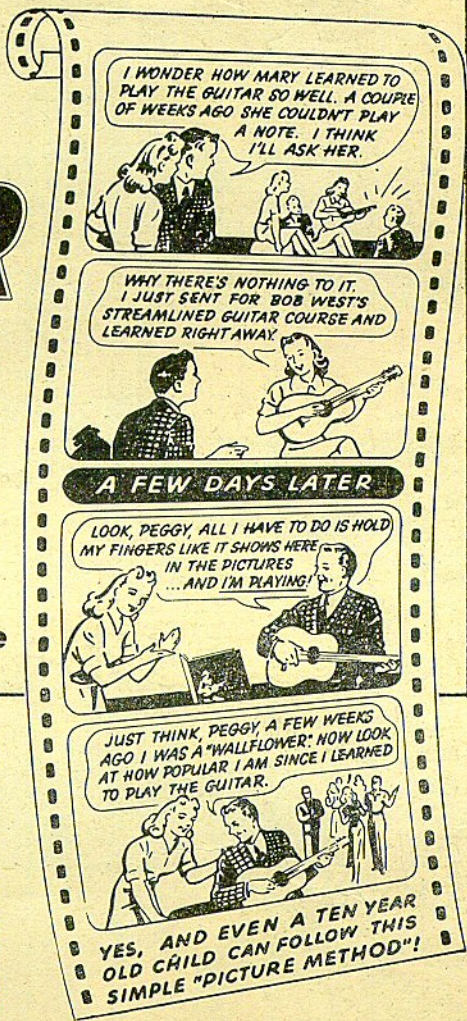


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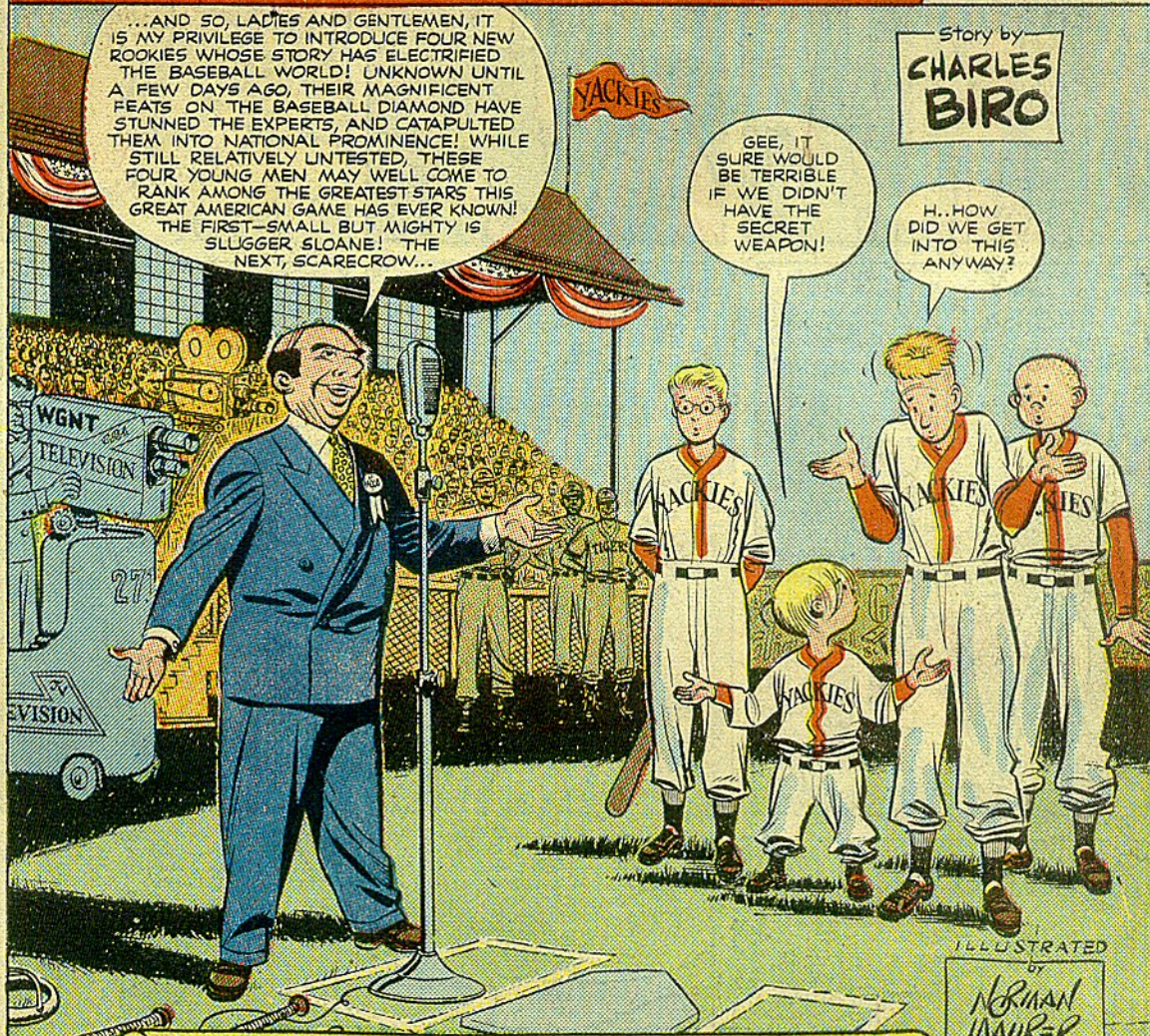
in "THE TRICK BASEBALL BAT"

Story by
CHARLES BIRO

...AND SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE FOUR NEW ROOKIES WHOSE STORY HAS ELECTRIFIED THE BASEBALL WORLD! UNKNOWN UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO, THEIR MAGNIFICENT FEATS ON THE BASEBALL DIAMOND HAVE STUNNED THE EXPERTS, AND CATAapultED THEM INTO NATIONAL PROMINENCE! WHILE STILL RELATIVELY UNTESTED, THESE FOUR YOUNG MEN MAY WELL COME TO RANK AMONG THE GREATEST STARS THIS GREAT AMERICAN GAME HAS EVER KNOWN! THE FIRST—SMALL BUT MIGHTY IS SLUGGER SLOANE! THE NEXT, SCARECROW...

GEE, IT SURE WOULD BE TERRIBLE IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE SECRET WEAPON!

H..HOW DID WE GET INTO THIS ANYWAY?



ILLUSTRATED BY
NORMAN MAURER

TO ERR IS HUMAN AND NO MAN CAN TRUTHFULLY SAY THAT HE HAD NEVER MADE A MISTAKE! THE WIDER AND MORE NUMEROUS A PERSON'S ACTIVITIES THE MORE VULNERABLE HE IS TO ERROR! FEW YOUNGSTERS OF THE WISE GUYS' VINTAGE ARE MORE ACTIVE! THEREFORE, LIKE YOU AND ME, THEY GET SNAFUED! THEY HAD A GOOD THING, BUT PLAYED IT FOR MORE THAN IT WAS WORTH! WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM COULDN'T HAPPEN TO NICER GUYS!

Charles Biro



HEY FELLERS, I GOT A JOB AS DELIVERY BOY IN THE SUPER MARKET!

TAKE A LOOK AT ME, SLUGGER! I GOT A JOB AS USHER AT THE BIJOU THEATER—I START TOMORROW!

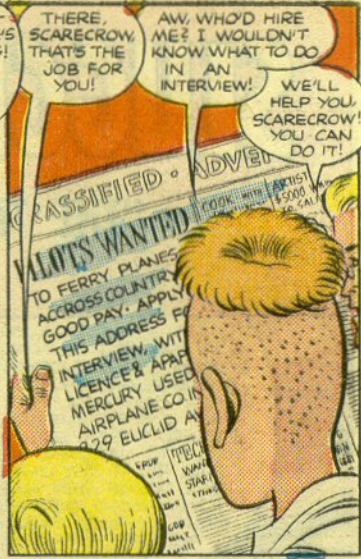
EVERYBODY'S GOT JOBS 'CEPT ME! IF EVEN CURLY CAN BE A BRUSH GALESMAN, THERE'S MUST BE SOMETHING I CAN DO!



HEY, HERE'S AN IDEA! YOU'VE GOT A PILOT'S LICENSE—WHY DON'T YOU GET A JOB AS AN AIRLINES PILOT?

THAT'S NO GOOD! YOU GOTTA HAVE A TRANSPORT LICENSE TO FLY FOR AN AIRLINE!

HEY SCARECROW! HERE'S SOMETHING! LOOK AT THIS HELP WANTED AD!



THERE, SCARECROW, THAT'S THE JOB FOR YOU!

AW, WHO'D HIRE ME? I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN INTERVIEW!

WE'LL HELP YOU, SCARECROW! YOU CAN DO IT!



AW, WAIT, FELLERS, STOP PUSHING ME! I GOTTA THINK FIRST!

WHAT WITH?

HERE, PUT THIS ON! YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK REAL EXPERIENCED!



I KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUT TRY TO ACT AND LOOK SMART!

YEAH, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ACT RESERVED AND DON'T LET ON HOW YOUNG YOU ARE! ACT OLDER!

OKAY, OKAY! DON'T PUSH!



HAVEN'T ANY OTHER PILOTS SHOWN UP, MISS COLLINS? I WOULDN'T TRUST THAT LAST ONE WITH A BOX KITE!

NO, MR. GORHAM, I GUESS MOST OF THE PILOTS THAT AREN'T WORKING ARE IN THE AIR FORCES!

IS THIS... ER... PLACE THAT WANTS PILOTS?



YOUR LICENSE CERTAINLY LOOKS ALL RIGHT, AND YOU HAVE ENOUGH HOURS... I DON'T SEE WHY YOU WOULDN'T BE JUST THE MAN FOR THE JOB! NOW LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT IT! HERE, HAVE A CIGAR!

CIGAR? GOSH, I GUESS I'D BETTER TAKE IT!



YOU'LL PICK UP THE PLANE AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND FLY IT OUT TO PASADENA, CALIFORNIA! THE MAN WHO'S BUYING IT WILL MEET YOU AT THE AIRPORT, AND WE'LL ADVANCE YOU ENOUGH TO PAY YOUR EXPENSES BACK! HOW DOES IT SOUND?

EXPENSES? OH SURE... SOUNDS SWELL!



FINE! IT'S ALL SET THEN! HERE ARE YOUR PAPERS AND GOOD LUCK!

THANKS... UH, SEE YOU LATER...



JUST MADE IT...



DID YOU GET THE JOB? WHAT'S THAT YOU'VE GOT IN YOUR HAND? WHAT'S THE MATTER, SCARECROW—YOU LOOK AWFUL!

WOW! YOU'VE BEEN HIRED! NICE GOING! HEY, WE'D BETTER GET HIM HOME—HE LOOKS SICK!



OH, BOY! YOU'LL FLY OVER CHICAGO, OMAHA AND DENVER! MAYBE WE CAN STOP OVER...OH, GEE, I FORGOT—WE'RE NOT GOING!

C'MON, SLUGGER, LET'S GET SOME SLEEP! WE'VE GOT TO GET SCARECROW TO THE AIRPORT BY EIGHT IN THE MORNING!



HERE ARE YOUR NAVIGATION AND ADIZ CHARTS! HAVE YOU GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED?

SURE! SURE! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

BOY, THIS IS SOME NEAT JOB, ISN'T IT? SURE MAKES HUSTLING GROCERIES LOOK PRETTY DULL! GEE, I WISH...

YEAH! IT DOESN'T MAKE USHERING IN A THEATER SEEM VERY EXCITING EITHER!

WELL, IF YOU'VE GOTTEN EVERYTHING STRAIGHT, I GUESS YOU CAN TAKE OFF!

I SURE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TRIP, SCARECROW! BUT I WISH WE WERE ALL GOING! HERE'S ALL THE FOOD WE PACKED FOR YOU!

YOU CAN ALL GO IF YOU WANT TO—THAT IS, IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH THE PILOT!

SURE! C'MON, GUYS! O'BOY! ON MY JOB I CAN START ANY TIME!

YIPPEE! AN' YOU'RE MAKING \$500 FOR THE TRIP! THAT'S MORE THAN WE'D HAVE MADE ALL SUMMER! YIPPEE!



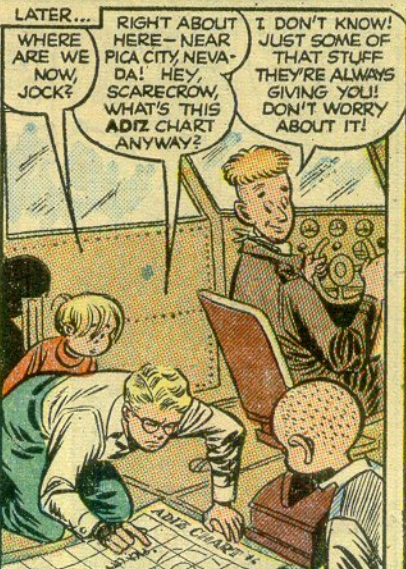
GEE, I FEEL SORTA SAD!



ARE YOU SURE HE UNDERSTANDS ABOUT THE ADIZ CHART, CHARLIE? THAT'S SOMETHING NEW, YOU KNOW!

HE SAID HE KNEW ALL ABOUT IT, CHIEF!

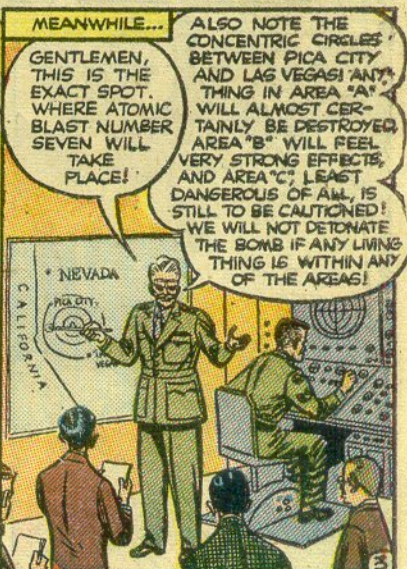
I HOPE SO FOR HIS SAKE!



LATER... WHERE ARE WE NOW, JOCK?

RIGHT ABOUT HERE—NEAR PICA CITY, NEVADA! HEY, SCARECROW, WHAT'S THIS ADIZ CHART ANYWAY?

I DON'T KNOW! JUST SOME OF THAT STUFF THEY'RE ALWAYS GIVING YOU! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!



MEANWHILE...

GENTLEMEN, THIS IS THE EXACT SPOT. WHERE ATOMIC BLAST NUMBER SEVEN WILL TAKE PLACE!

ALSO NOTE THE CONCENTRIC CIRCLES BETWEEN PICA CITY AND LAS VEGAS! ANYTHING IN AREA "A" WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE DESTROYED. AREA "B" WILL FEEL VERY STRONG EFFECTS, AND AREA "C" IS LEAST DANGEROUS OF ALL, IS STILL TO BE CAUTIONED! WE WILL NOT DETONATE THE BOMB IF ANY LIVING THING IS WITHIN ANY OF THE AREAS!



HEY, SCARECROW! WHAT WAS THAT CITY WE JUST FLEW OVER?

PICA CITY! WE OUGHT TO BE OVER LAS VEGAS IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES!



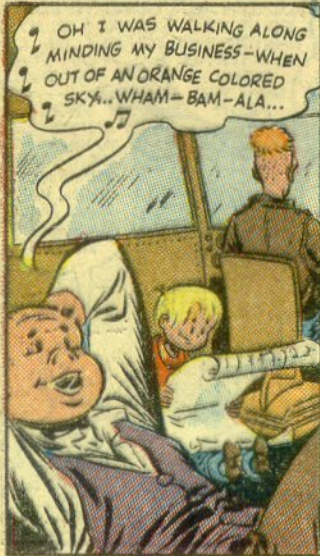
EVERYTHING IS READY THEN! THE BOMB WILL BE DETONATED AT EXACTLY 1800-35 SECONDS AWAY...30 SECONDS...YOU WILL HEAR A DULL ROAR, AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE EXPLOSION THROUGH THAT SOUTHEAST WALL... 15 SECONDS...

GENERAL! STOP THE BOMB! THERE'S A PLANE ENTERING THE DANGER AREA!

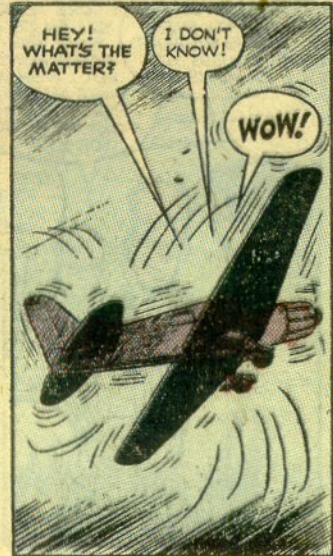


WHAT!! STOP! STOP THE CONTROLS!

TOO LATE, GENERAL, IT'S BEEN DETONATED! THEY'RE IN THE "C" ZONE, THOUGH- THEY MAY BE ALL RIGHT!



OH I WAS WALKING ALONG MINDING MY BUSINESS--WHEN OUT OF AN ORANGE COLORED SKY...WHAM-BAM-ALA...



HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I DON'T KNOW!

WOW!



JUMPIN' CATFISH! NOTHING BUT AN ATOM BOMB COULD'VE CAUSED A BLAST LIKE THAT! LETS GET OUT OF HERE!

GEE, LOOK-- IT LIT UP THE WHOLE SKY!



WHEW! THAT MUST HAVE BEEN AN A-BOMB! HEY, LOOK!

RRIP!

DON'T TOUCH IT! IT MAY BE RADIOACTIVE! WAIT'LL WE LAND AT PICA!



WE CAN PATCH UP THE SHIP HERE, AND STILL GET TO PASADENA TONIGHT!

HOLY SMOKES! LOOK AT THAT WRECK! THE DOPES MUST'VE GOTTEN CAUGHT IN THE BLAST!

GET ME A GEIGER COUNTER!



HEY! WHY DON'T THEY TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT THOSE BLASTS? WE MIGHTA ALL GOT KILLED!

YEAH--HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW!

THERE'S YOUR ADIZ MAP RIGHT THERE, YOU DOPE! ADIZ MEANS AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONES! NO PLANES ARE EVER SUPPOSED TO GO INTO THAT AREA!



WATCH OUT! DON'T TOUCH THAT BRANCH!

IT MAY BE RADIO-ACTIVE!

THIS GEIGER COUNTER WILL SOON TELL US...NO-NO CLICKING! IT'S OKAY!



JUST GET A COUPLE OF THESE DENTS OUT, SO IT'LL LOOK BETTER!

OVER TO THE LEFT A LITTLE, CURLY! I THINK THE GLUE WILL HOLD!

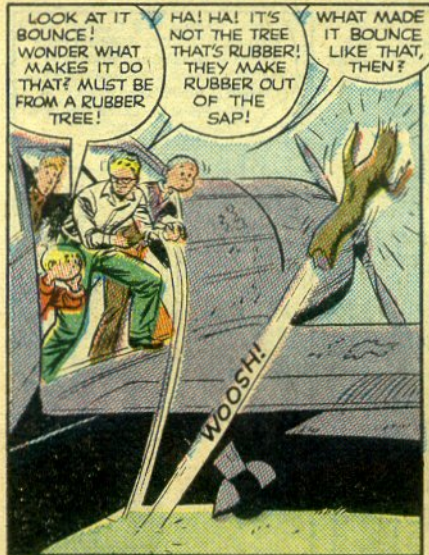
EVERYTHING SEEMS OKAY DOWN HERE!



BOY—WHAT A PATCH JOB!

WE...ELL, IT DOESN'T LOOK AS GOOD AS IT DID, BUT I GUESS IT'LL GET US WHERE WE'RE GOING!

OH, LOOK! THAT OLD BRANCH IS STILL IN THE PLANE! WE'D BETTER THROW IT OFF BEFORE WE GO!



LOOK AT IT BOUNCE! WONDER WHAT MAKES IT DO THAT? MUST BE FROM A RUBBER TREE!

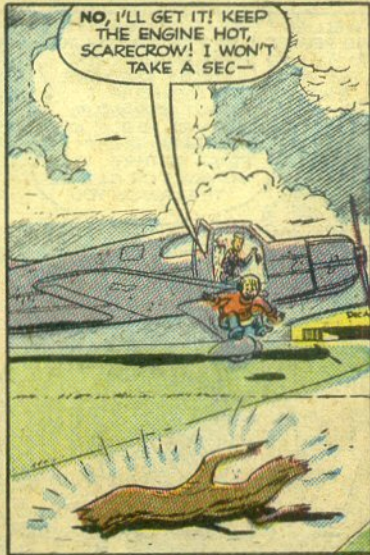
HA! HA! IT'S NOT THE TREE THAT'S RUBBER! THEY MAKE RUBBER OUT OF THE SAP!

WHAT MADE IT BOUNCE LIKE THAT, THEN?

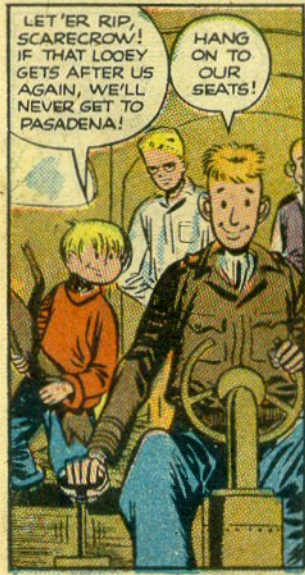


GEE, D'YA SUPPOSE IT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ATOM EXPLOSION...HEY! WE'D BE DOPEY TO LEAVE IT! WE COULD DO LOTS OF THINGS WITH A BRANCH LIKE THAT!

AW, FORGET IT!



NO, I'LL GET IT! KEEP THE ENGINE HOT, SCARECROW! I WON'T TAKE A SEC—



LET'ER RIP, SCARECROW! IF THAT LOOEY GETS AFTER US AGAIN, WE'LL NEVER GET TO PASADENA!

HANG ON TO OUR SEATS!



THERE SHE IS, GUYS—PASADENA!

WE MADE IT! HEY, I THINK I SEE SOMEBODY WAVING!



HEY, MISTER, ARE YOU THE MAN WHO'S WAITING FOR A PLANE FROM MERCURY AIRCRAFT? HERE SHE IS...

I EXPECTED YOU HOURS AGO!

IS THAT THE PLANE? WHY, YOU...YOU...IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO PAY FOR THAT PILE OF SCRAP YOU'RE CRAZY! TAKE IT BACK—YOU'RE IMPOSTERS! CROOKS! IDIOTS!

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I SURE HOPE MR. GORHAM DOESN'T GET THAT EXCITED!

COULDN'T BLAME HIM IF HE DID! THE PLANE DOES LOOK PRETTY BAD!

WELL--THERE'S NO USE JUST STANDING HERE TALKING ABOUT IT--LET'S REFUEL AND GO BACK TO FACE THE MUSIC, AND THIS TIME, SCARECROW, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT ADIZ CHART!



WAIT TILL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT MUDDLE HEAD! MY PURCHASER JUST CALLED FROM PASADENA AND TOLD ME...THERE THEY ARE! AND LOOK AT THAT PLANE!



OH, GOSH! NOW WE'RE IN FOR IT! LOOK! OOOH!

ER... HI, GISTER MORHAM--ER... MISTER GOR...

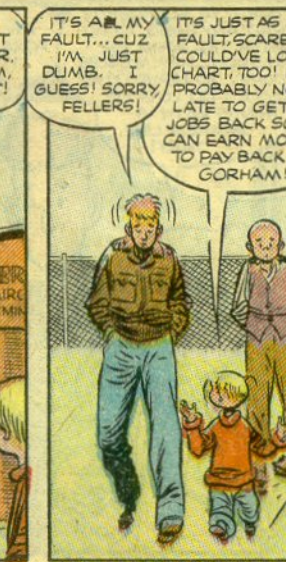
SHUT UP! Y.YOU! WHAT'S YOUR EXPLANATION FOR ALL THIS? HOW DARE YOU COME BACK HERE WITH THAT WRECK? SHUT UP!



WELL, ER... WE SEEMED TO FLY INTO THIS ATOM BOM...

SO--THAT WAS IT? WHY DO YOU THINK WE HAND OUT ADIZ CHARTS? TO DOODLE ON? BY GAD, IF I WERENT COVERED BY INSURANCE I'D SUE! AND YOU'LL REPAY EVERY PENNY OF THAT ADVANCE OR I'LL HAVE THE LAW ON YOU!

WE'LL MAKE IT UP, MR. GORHAM, HONEST!



IT'S ALL MY FAULT... CUZ I'M JUST DUMB. I GUESS! SORRY, FELLERS!

IT'S JUST AS MUCH OUR FAULT, SCARECROW! WE COULD'VE LOOKED AT THAT CHART, TOO! BESIDES IT'S PROBABLY NOT TOO LATE TO GET OUR JOBS BACK SO WE CAN EARN MONEY TO PAY BACK MR. GORHAM!



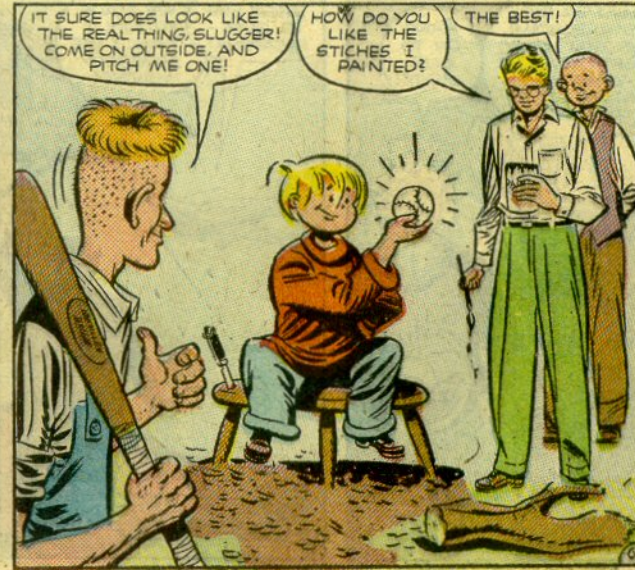
SURE, SCARECROW! MEANWHILE, LET'S GET BACK TO THE BARN AND LOOK OVER THIS BOUNCING PHENOMENON!

YOU KNOW, WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING WITH A BOUNCING BRANCH! NOW...MMM...IT'S HARD TOO... HEY! WHAT AN IDEA! A BASEBALL! LOTS OF 'EM! GIMME A KNIFE, SOMEBODY!



HERE, SLUGGER! BOY, WHAT A BASEBALL THIS'LL MAKE... AND WE NEED SOME, TOO!

I BET WE CAN MAKE IT LOOK LIKE AN... OFFICIAL ONE! WE'LL PAINT IT WHITE!



IT SURE DOES LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING, SLUGGER! COME ON OUTSIDE AND PITCH ME ONE!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THE STICHES I PAINTED?

THE BEST!

HOLY COW! LOOK AT IT GO! AND I PITCHED A SLOW ONE!

IT MUST BE NEARLY TWO HUNDRED YARDS TO THOSE TREES, AND THE BALL'S GOING TO CLEAR THEM AND THEN SOME!

POW!

HEY, DO YOU SUPPOSE WE COULD USE THE BALL IN OUR GAME WITH THE TIGERS? IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE WE BEAT 'EM!

WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT BE? THEY HAVE THE SAME ADVANTAGE! I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA! LET'S MAKE A BAT!

WITH ALL THEIR FANCY EQUIPMENT, NOT TO MENTION COACHING AND SPRING PRACTICE, WHAT CHANCE DO WE HAVE? THEY'VE PULLED SOME RAW STUFF IN EVERY GAME! ONE GOOD JOKE ON THEM WOULD SERVE 'EM RIGHT!

LET ME MAKE THE BAT! I'M A GOOD WHITTLER!

LET'S GET RIGHT TO WORK ON IT! I'LL GET FOUR KNIVES!

SCARECROW, YOU'RE FIRST CLASS! IT'S A BEAUTY! COME ON—LET'S TRY IT OUT!

LET'S USE THE OLD BALL THIS TIME!

LET SLUGGER HIT IT THIS TIME!

GOSH, SLUGGER HARDLY TAPPED IT AND WENT OVER A HUNDRED YARDS!

GO GET THE BALL, SCARECROW! BOY, WON'T IT BE SOMETHING MAKING THOSE FANCY PANTS LOOK SILLY!

MEANWHILE...

ONE MORE CHANCE, SNODGRASS! TURN UP SOME GOOD MATERIAL FOR THE YACKIES OR YOU'RE THROUGH AS A SCOUT! THE LAST PLAYER YOU TURNED UP DIED OF OLD AGE THREE YEARS AGO!

OFFICE OF THE YACKIES

BEN BEGAM, PRESIDENT YACKIES

...SO HE SAID IF I DIDN'T TURN UP SOME GOOD PLAYERS, I'M THROUGH!

HOLD IT! HERE'S A LEAD! I KNOW A BIG KID WHO PLAYS ON A TEAM CALLED THE TIGERS—SUPPOSED TO BE REAL HOT! THEY PLAY A BUNCH OF HAMS TOMORROW! WHY DON'T YOU HOP DOWN AND TAKE A PEEK AT HIM!

THIS IS GONNA BE RICH!

WE CAN TELL 'EM ABOUT THE BAT AFTER THE GAME, HUH?

SURE—IT'S ONLY FOR A LAUGH! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE THEIR FACES!

BASEBALL TODAY TIGERS VERSUS WISE

HI, BRUISER! HI, CHUCK! ALL SET TO GO?

HMM... SOME OF THESE GUYS LOOK GOOD! MAYBE I'VE FOUND SOMETHING HERE!

EGADS! IS THAT THE OTHER TEAM? THEY'LL BE MASSACRED!



WELL, LOOK WHO'S HERE, FELLERS! DIDN'T THINK THE LITTLE PUNKS WOULD HAVE THE NERVE TO SHOW UP! THOUGHT YOU WISE GUYS GAVE UP BASEBALL AFTER THE WALLOPIN' WE GAVE YOU LAST YEAR!

WE'LL SHOW YOU WHO SHOULD GIVE UP BASEBALL! THEN MAYBE YOU'LL BE LAUGHING OUT OF THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR FACE!



OH, WELL, MIGHT AS WELL STAY NOW THAT I'M HERE!

FIRST BATTER - SLUGGER! SLOANE!

SLUGGER! THAT RUNT! HA! HA! HA!



THE SQUIRT REALLY BANGED ONE! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!



CAN'T BLAME ME FOR A LUCKY HIT! THIS GUY WON'T EVEN SEE THE APPLE!

REMEMBER, BE CAREFUL PUTTING THE BAT DOWN AFTER YOU HIT, AND DON'T KILL THE BALL... MAKE IT LOOK GOOD!



I DON'T GET IT! MY BEST PITCH...

OKAY, BROWN! CALL IT A DAY, AND BETTER HAVE DOC LOOK AT THAT ARM!



THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY! WAIT'LL THE BOSS HEARS ABOUT THIS!

WHAT'S GOT INTO THESE BUMS?



SHOULD WE TELL 'EM NOW?

NO! THEY'RE SUCH SORE HEADS. LET 'EM STEW!

I GOTTA SIGN 'EM UP BEFORE SOMEBODY ELSE HEARS ABOUT THIS...

HEY, THERE KIDS, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY BALL FOR THE YACKIES?

THEY'D TAR AND FEATHER US IF THEY KNEW!



THE YACKIES!! GEE, THANKS FOR ASKIN' US, BUT WE CAN'T! WE'LL EXPLAIN LATER!

B... BUT YOU GOTTA... YOU'RE THE GREATEST NATURAL HITTERS I EVER SAW!

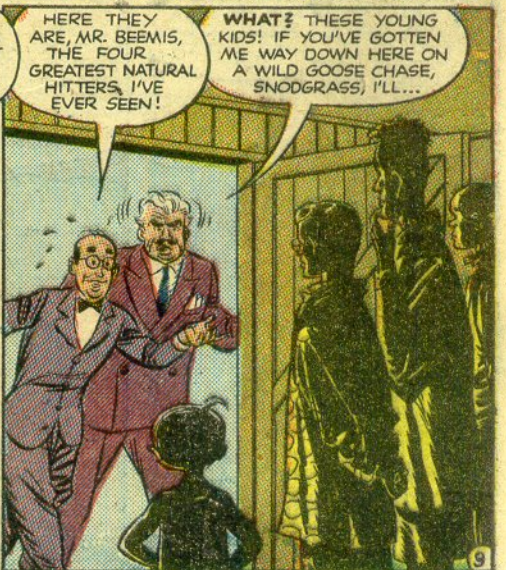
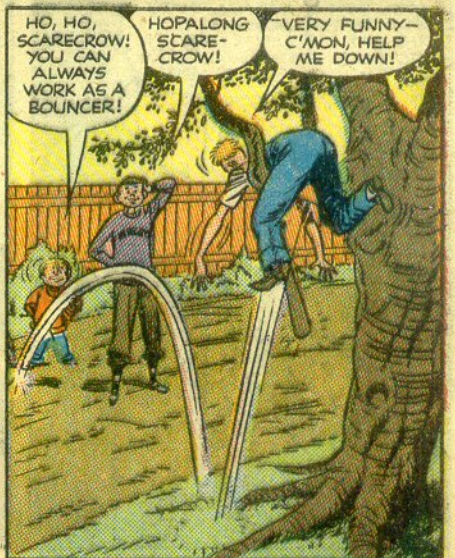
GREAT SCOTT! FIFTEEN RUNS AND NOBODY OUT YET! WE'LL HAVE TO FORFEIT!



MAYBE YOU'LL LISTEN TO REASON! WE'LL GIVE YOU \$10,000 A YEAR A PEECE WITH ALL EXPENSES PAID! C'MON, WHAT DO YOU SAY?

NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL! C'MON OVER TO THE BARN LATER, AND WE'LL EXPLAIN ALL TO YOU!

QUICK, SCARE-CROW, STICK THIS DOWN YOUR TROUSER LEG!





JUST A MINUTE, BOSS! LET THEM SHOW YOU WHAT THEY CAN DO! IT'S REALLY UN-BELIEVABLE! C'MON, BOYS, HIT A FEW FOR MR. BEEMIS!

SURE— LET'S GO, GUYS!

OKAY!



NOW YOU JUST WATCH, MR. BEEMIS! YOU'RE GONNA SEE SOMETHING LIKE YOU'VE NEVER... OH, OH!

IF THIS IS A PRACTICAL JOKE, SNODGRASS, I'LL TEAR YOU LIMB FROM LIMB! I'M IN NO MOOD FOR...



SO THESE ARE YOUR GREAT NATURAL HITTERS, EH? YOU'RE FIRED SNODGRASS! YOU'RE THROUGH IN BASEBALL!

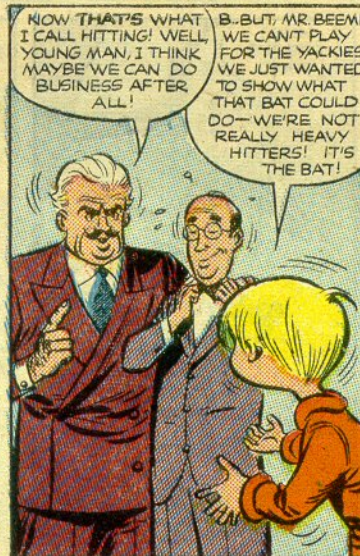
HEY JOCK, HE'S GOT THE WRONG BAT! THIS IS THE ONE! WE'D BETTER MAKE THIS LOOK GOOD, OR THE SCOUT'LL GET FIRED! WE'LL NEVER ACTUALLY PLAY FOR THE YACKIES, ANYHOW!



ATTA BOY, JOCK! THAT'S THE WAY TO POLE 'EM

WEL-LLL, THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! JUST A MINUTE, SNODGRASS, DON'T LEAVE YET!

SO— IT WAS THE BAT!



NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL HITTING! WELL, YOUNG MAN, I THINK MAYBE WE CAN DO BUSINESS AFTER ALL!

B-BUT, MR BEEMIS, WE CAN'T PLAY FOR THE YACKIES! WE JUST WANTED TO SHOW WHAT THAT BAT COULD DO—WE'RE NOT REALLY HEAVY HITTERS! IT'S THE BAT!



NONSENSE! NOT PLAY FOR THE YACKIES? DON'T BE FOOLISH! EVERY RED-BLOODED BOY WANTS TO PLAY FOR THE YACKIES! DON'T WORRY, WE'LL PAY YOU A GOOD SALARY!

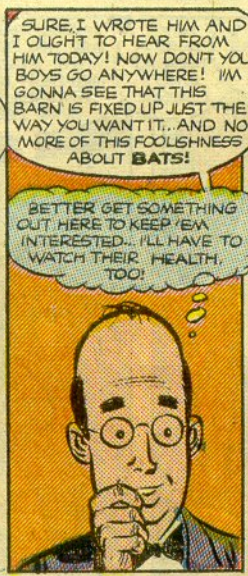
DON'T LET THEM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT, SNODGRASS, IF YOU VALUE YOUR JOB! WE CAN'T HAVE THE BLUE-BOY GET WIND OF THIS! SAY, BY THE WAY HAVE YOU HEARD FROM THAT DAREDEVIL FELLOW YET?



YOU MEAN YOU ACTUALLY WROTE D.D.? YOU CAN'T DO THAT—HE WON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT AND WE'RE RESPONSIBLE TO HIM!

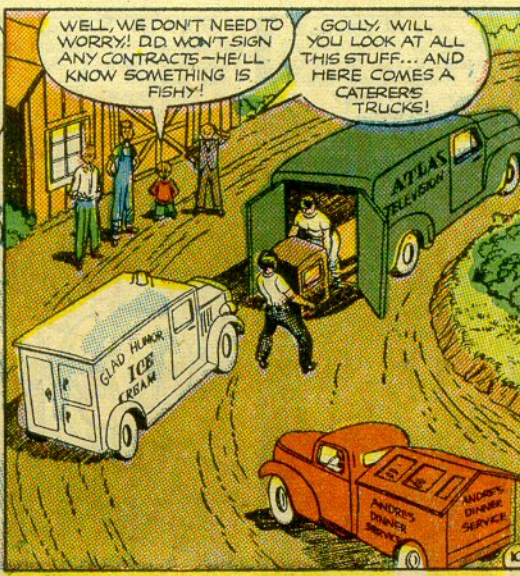
AND IT'S ALL A FLUKE, ANYWAY! IT'S JUST THE BAT!

YEAH! WE'RE NOT REALLY THAT GOOD!



SURE, I WROTE HIM AND I OUGHT TO HEAR FROM HIM TODAY! NOW DON'T YOU BOYS GO ANYWHERE! I'M GONNA SEE THAT THIS BARN IS FIXED UP JUST THE WAY YOU WANT IT... AND NO MORE OF THIS FOOLISHNESS ABOUT BATS!

BETTER GET SOMETHING OUT HERE TO KEEP 'EM INTERESTED... I'LL HAVE TO WATCH THEIR HEALTH, TOO!



WELL, WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY! D.D. WON'T SIGN ANY CONTRACTS—HE'LL KNOW SOMETHING IS FISHY!

GOLLY, WILL YOU LOOK AT ALL THIS STUFF... AND HERE COMES A CATERERS TRUCKS!

GLAD HUNK ICE CREAM

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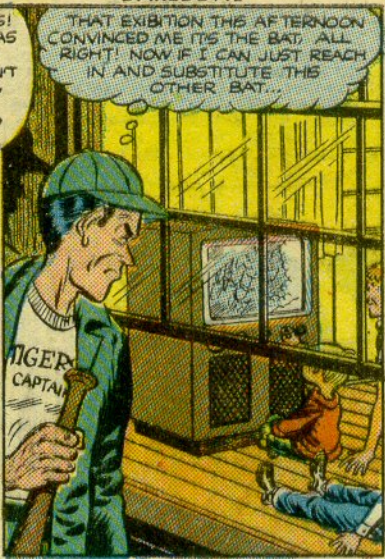
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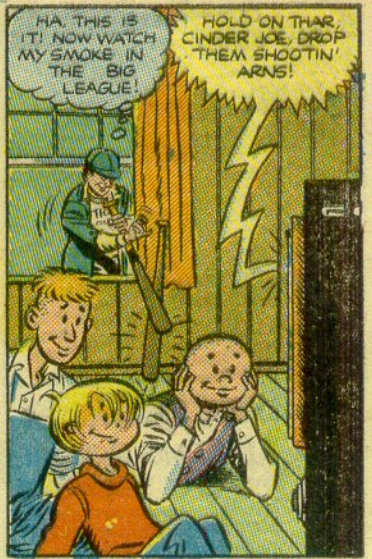
WELL, BOYS, WHERE DO YOU WANT ALL THIS STUFF!

SEARCH ME! THE PLACE IS ABOUT FILLED UP!

C'MON, GUYS! WE MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY THIS! WE WON'T HAVE IT LONG AFTER THEY GET WORD FROM DD!

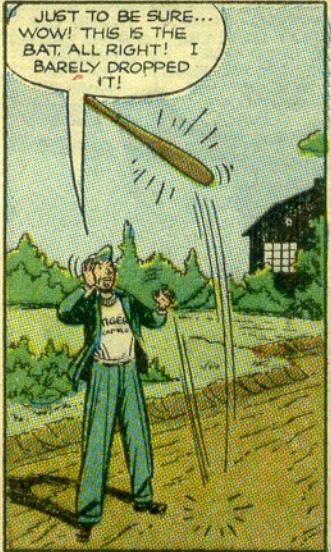


THAT EXHIBITION THIS AFTERNOON CONVINCED ME IT'S THE BAT, ALL RIGHT! NOW IF I CAN JUST REACH IN AND SUBSTITUTE THIS OTHER BAT...

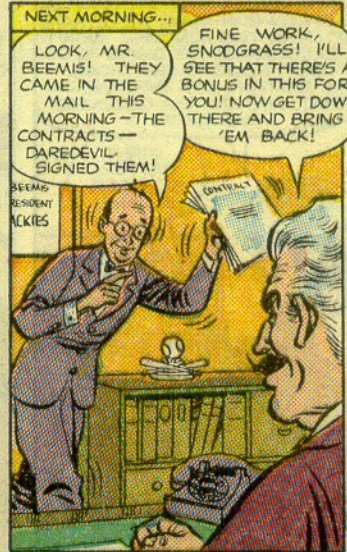


HA, THIS IS IT! NOW WATCH MY SMOKE IN THE BIG LEAGUE!

HOLD ON THAR, CINDER JOE, DROP 'EM SHOOTIN' ARNS!



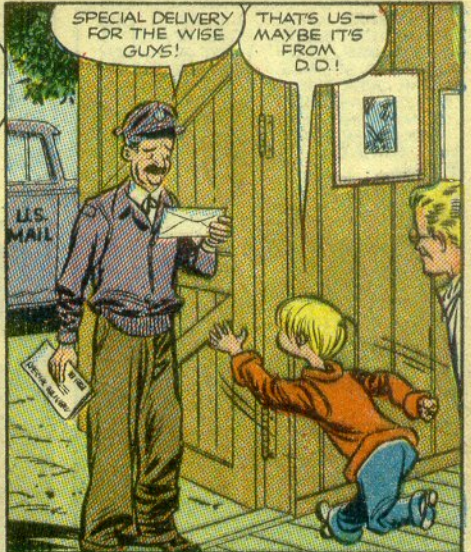
JUST TO BE SURE... WOW! THIS IS THE BAT, ALL RIGHT! I BARELY DROPPED IT!



NEXT MORNING...
LOOK, MR. BEEMIS! THEY CAME IN THE MAIL THIS MORNING—THE CONTRACTS—DAREDEVIL SIGNED THEM!

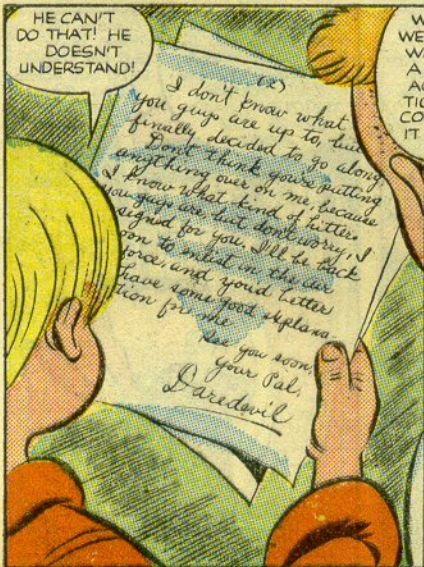
FINE WORK, SNOODGRASS! I'LL SEE THAT THERE'S A BONUS IN THIS FOR YOU! NOW GET DOWN THERE AND BRING 'EM BACK!

BEEMIS
RESIDENT
YACKIES



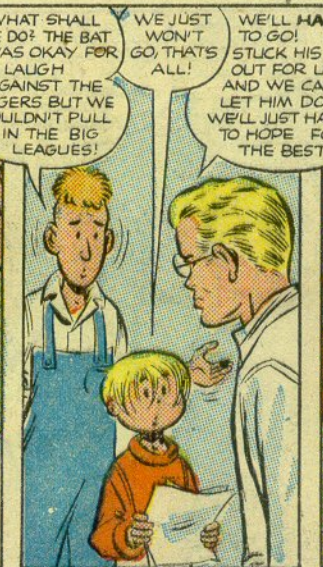
SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR THE WISE GUYS!

THAT'S US—MAYBE IT'S FROM D.D.!



HE CAN'T DO THAT! HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND!

I don't know what you guys are up to, but I've finally decided to go along with you. Don't think you're putting anything over on me, because I know what kind of little you guys are, but don't worry, I'm not to irritate in the way you have, and you'd better have some good explanation for me.
See you soon,
your pal,
Daredevil



WHAT SHALL WE DO? THE BAT WAS OKAY FOR A LAUGH AGAINST THE TIGERS BUT WE COULDN'T PULL IT IN THE BIG LEAGUES!

WE JUST WON'T GO, THAT'S ALL!

WE'LL HAVE TO GO! D.D. STUCK HIS NECK OUT FOR US—AND WE CAN'T LET HIM DOWN! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE FOR THE BEST!



HERE ARE THE CONTRACTS, BOYS! LET'S GO! MY CAR IS RIGHT OUTSIDE, AND YOU'LL BE IN THE YACKIES LINE-UP TOMORROW AFTERNOON!

OKAY FELLAS! GET THE BAT—IF THIS GUY WON'T BELIEVE US, IT'S HIS FUNERAL!

DAILY BUGLE
 WIDELY TOUTED ROOKIE
 MAKE DEBUT TODAY!

DISCOVERED ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO BY VETERAN YACKIE SCOUT, J.W. SNODGRASS, THE WISE GUYS AS THEY ARE CALLED, WILL BE IN TODAY'S LINE-UP AGAINST THE BLUE SOX. IN ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING MOVES IN BASEBALL, FOUR YOUNG WISE GUYS UNKNOWN UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO, ARE STARTING IN THE YACKIES LINE-UP, WHILE IT IS AGREED THAT THE YACKIES SORELY HITTING POWER IT IS THAT

Mornington's Champion

AMAZING ROOKIES TO BAT TODAY IN

THE FOUR YOUNG AND HIGHLY TOUTED ROOKIES ON THE YACKIE WILL

IT IS MY VERY GREAT PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE THE WISE GUYS, FOUR YOUNG MEN WHO MAY YET BECOME THE GREATEST PLAYERS THIS GAME HAS EVER KNOWN! THE FIRST ONE—SMALL, BUT POWERFUL, WEARING NUMBER TWELVE, IS SLUGGER SLOANE! NEXT IN LINE IS...

I W. WISH WE HADN'T GOTTEN INTO THIS!

OKAY BOYS—JUST SHOW ME SOME MORE OF THAT POTENT HITTING AND WE'LL BEAT THE BLUE SOX LIKE THEY'VE NEVER BEEN BEATEN BEFORE!

GOLLY, SCARECROW, WE'D SURE BE IN TOUGH SHAPE IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS BAT!

REMEMBER WHEN WE GET UP, FELLERS, DON'T DROP THAT BAT! IT'D BOUNCE CLEAR OVER THE STANDS! WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD REFLECT ON D.D.!

I D..DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL! I GOT A HUNCH SOMETHING'S GOING TO GO WRONG!

ONE PUNY RUN—HAH! WE'LL MAKE THAT UP IN TWO MINUTES, WON'T WE, SNODGRASS! IT'S GOING TO DO MY HEART GOOD TO SEE THOSE HITS RATTLING OFF THE FENCES—THAT WAS QUITE A DISCOVERY WE MADE!

FIRST BATTER, SLUGGER SLOANE!

JEEPERS—THAT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE HE USED OUR BAT! ARE YOU SURE HE'S GOT THE RIGHT ONE, JOCK?

THAT'S THE ONE WE BROUGHT! I HANDED IT TO HIM MYSELF!

SOME GREAT HITTERS! BEEMIS MUST BE PULLING SOMETHING!

WELL, SNODGRASS!

C'MON, GUYS, LET LOOSE! DON'T BE NERVOUS—BANG ONE INTO THE OLD STANDS!

THAT'S ONE HIT, ANYWAY—THANKS TO A BAD THROW!

YEAH, BUT THEY'RE STARTING TO ROLL, BOSS, AND NEXT ONE UP IS THE REAL SLUGGER OF THE BUNCH, SCARECROW!

SLUGGER, EH? HOW DARE YOU TRY AND FOIST THESE AMATEURS OFF ON ME! YOU'RE THROUGH, SNODGRASS FOR GOOD!

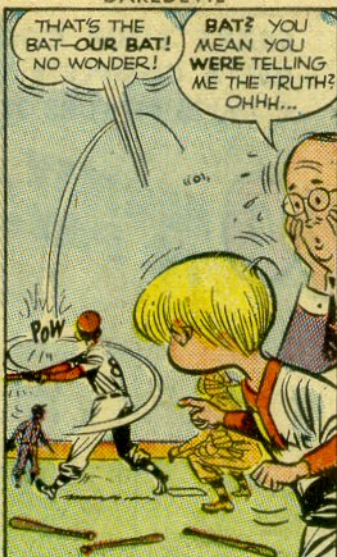
C'MON, GET THEM BLUMS OUT OF THERE! LET'S SEE SOME REAL BALL PLAYERS!



GEE, I CAN'T FIGURE. IT OUT! THE BAT MUST HAVE LOST ITS POWER!

YEAH, HE SURE WASN'T THAT GOOD!

HEY, THAT BATTER—IT'S THE CAPTAIN OF THE TIGERS—HOW DID THAT BUM EVER GET IN THE BIG LEAGUES?



THAT'S THE BAT—OUR BAT! NO WONDER!

BAT? YOU MEAN YOU WERE TELLING ME THE TRUTH? OHHH...



THAT SQUIRT'LL RUIN EVERYTHING! OH, OH, I DROPPED THE BAT!

HE STOLE OUR BAT! I NEVER DID TRUST THAT GUY! GRAB HIM!



TRY TO FIX ME, WILL YOU! I'LL SHOW YOU!

WATCH OUT, SLUGGER! C'MON, FELLAS!



MIGOSH! I BARELY TOUCHED HIM!

LET ME SEE THAT BAT!

WOW—LOOKIT HIM BOUNCE!

ISN'T THAT THE BASEBALL COMMISSIONER?



PITCH ME ONE, SON! BY CRACKLE, THIS IS QUITE A BAT!

SO! TRYING TO PAWN A PHONY BAT OFF ON ME, TOO! I'LL HAVE YOU DEPORTED! I'LL HAVE YOU HUNG! I'LL...I'LL...



THIS IS AN ILLEGAL BAT—AND YOU'RE BARRED FROM BASEBALL TRYING TO USE IT!

WHAT'LL I DO—FOUR \$20,000 A YEAR BATBOYS ON MY TEAM! I'M RUINED!

DON'T WORRY, MR. BEEMIS!



WE WON'T TAKE ANY OF THE MONEY, IF YOU WON'T FIRE MR. SNODGRASS! WE FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR HIM!

SURE—AND D.D. WILL BREAK THE CONTRACTS WHEN HE COMES BACK!

WE'D LIKE TO STICK AROUND AS FIELD ATTENDANTS TILL THE SEASON'S OVER, THOUGH! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO WATCH THE YACKIES PLAY!



...AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW THE BAT GOT THAT WAY— BUT WE'RE SENDING IT TO THE ATOMIC RESEARCH LABS AT OAK RIDGE, AND HOPE THEY CAN EXPLAIN IT!

AND TELL D.D. IT SURE WILL BE SWELL TO SEE HIM AGAIN—IN HIS AIR FORCE UNIFORM!

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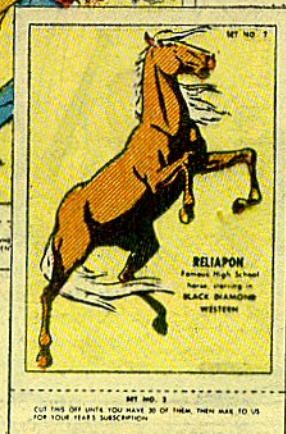
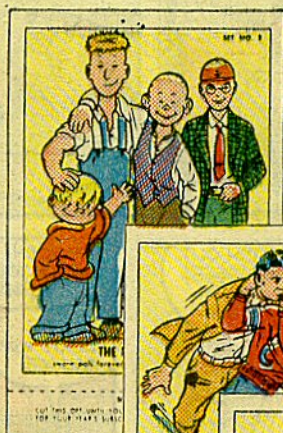
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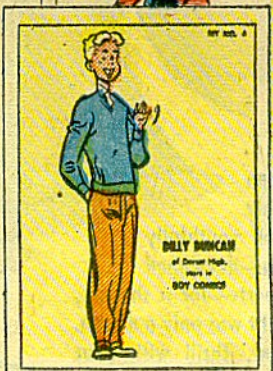
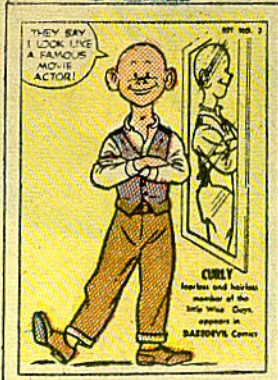
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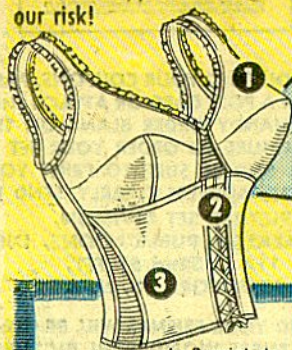
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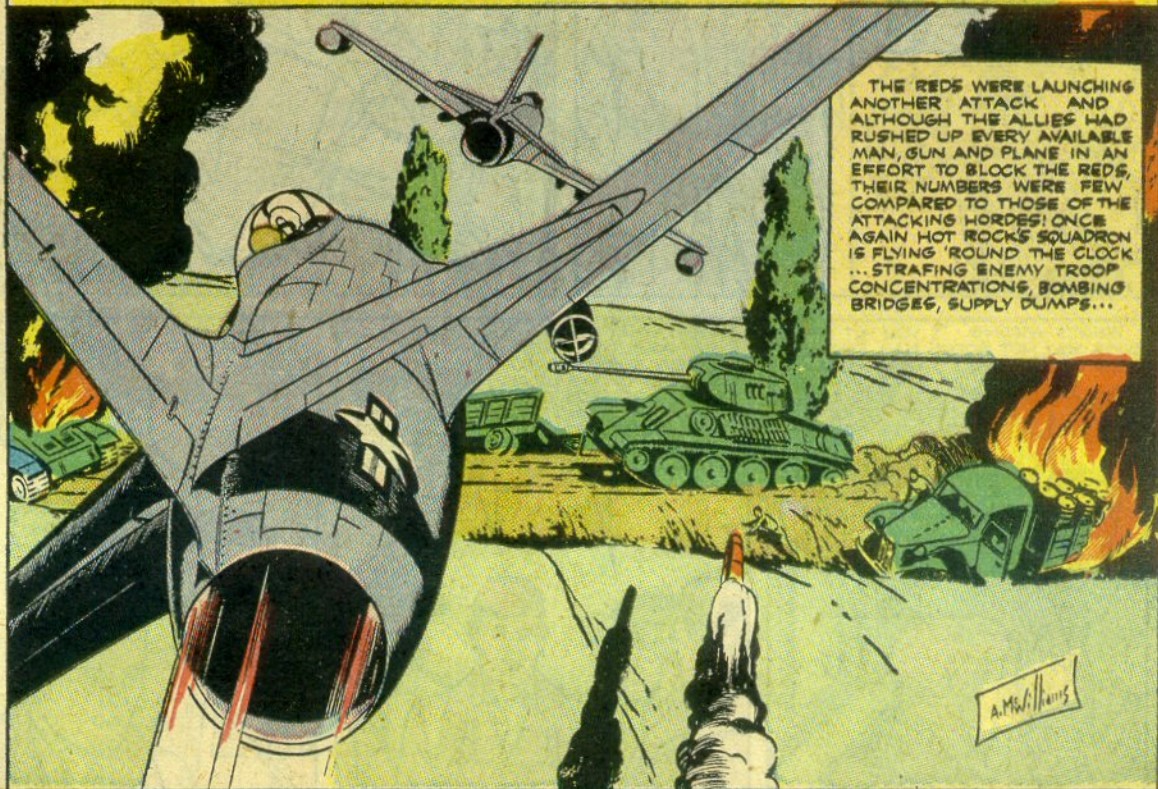
AIR DEVILS

featuring

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CHAPTER III



THE REDS WERE LAUNCHING ANOTHER ATTACK AND ALTHOUGH THE ALLIES HAD RUSHED UP EVERY AVAILABLE MAN, GUN AND PLANE IN AN EFFORT TO BLOCK THE REDS, THEIR NUMBERS WERE FEW COMPARED TO THOSE OF THE ATTACKING HORDES! ONCE AGAIN HOT ROCK'S SQUADRON IS FLYING 'ROUND THE CLOCK ... STRAFING ENEMY TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, BOMBING BRIDGES, SUPPLY DUMPS...

A. M. Williams



LOOK AT 'EM STILL COMING ON...WE CAN'T HOLD THIS POSITION MUCH LONGER...WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF AMMO AND THEY KNOW IT!

YEAH, WE'D BETTER PULL BACK! THEY'RE RUSHING MORE MEN THAN WE HAVE BULLETS! WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE!



HEY PETE LOOK... DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE... WHAT'RE THEY UP TO NOW? I DON'T GET IT!



YANKEE SOLDIER! WE SURRENDER!

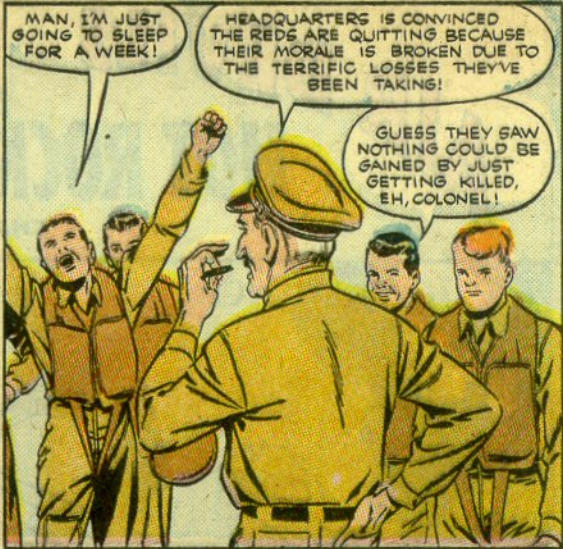


IVANHOE CALLING MULBERRY LEADER...RETURN TO BASE! ALL THE REDS ARE SURRENDERING IN YOUR SECTOR... THERE AREN'T ANY MORE TARGETS AT PRESENT... OVER AND OUT...



I JUST PHONED HEADQUARTERS, MEN, AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU FELLOWS ARE OUT OF A JOB FOR A DAY OR TWO!! THE REDS ARE SURRENDERING ALL ALONG THIS FRONT!!

HOT DOG... NOW THAT WE'VE WON THE WAR MAYBE I CAN GET THAT TWO WEEK LEAVE!



MAN, I'M JUST GOING TO SLEEP FOR A WEEK!

HEADQUARTERS IS CONVINCED THE REDS ARE QUITTING BECAUSE THEIR MORALE IS BROKEN DUE TO THE TERRIFIC LOSSES THEY'VE BEEN TAKING!

GUESS THEY SAW NOTHING COULD BE GAINED BY JUST GETTING KILLED, EH, COLONEL!



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, HOT ROCK? YOU SURE LOOK SOUR!

YOU HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD, SURE-SHOT WHEN YOU SAID THE REDS WERE GAINING NOTHING BY GETTING THEMSELVES KILLED... THERE'S SOMETHING DECIDEDLY FISHY IN THIS WHOLE BUSINESS, I THINK!



BAHH! WHAT CAN BE FISHY ABOUT IT... WHEN THE REDS SURRENDERED THEY HAD TO GIVE UP ALL THEIR GUNS, DIDN'T THEY... AND THAT LEAVES THEM HELPLESS PRISONERS!!

I KNOW ALL THAT, BUT THOSE GUYS ARE FANATICS! THEY'VE NEVER SURRENDERED BEFORE, SO WHY SHOULD THOUSANDS OF THEM SUDDENLY QUIT?



I'M SURE THAT HEADQUARTERS KNOWS MORE ABOUT THIS THAN WE DO, HOT ROCK, SO DON'T START IMAGINING THINGS!

THAT HEADQUARTERS NEVER KNEW ANYTHING WE DIDN'T TELLEM IN THE FIRST PLACE!

YES, SIR!



YOU'VE BEEN ON TOO MANY MISSIONS LATELY, HOT ROCK... PIPE DREAMS LIKE YOURS CAN BE DANGEROUS...

OKAY, OKAY... YOU GUYS KNOW EVERYTHING... HEY, LOOK AT THAT MOB OF NATIVE TROOPS GOING BY THE HANGERS!



WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE TROOPS, SERGE? AREN'T THEY RED PRISONERS?

YEAH, HOT ROCK... ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND OF 'EM AND THEY'RE ALL GOING TO BE HELD ON THAT PLAIN SOUTH OF OUR FIELD FOR A FEW DAYS... THE ARMY BOYS ARE GUARDING THEM WITH HALF TRACK QUAD TRUCKS! STILL, I AIN'T HAPPY BEING THIS CLOSE TO THAT MANY REDS... EVEN IF THEY DON'T HAVE GUNS!

I'M GONNA FOLLOW THESE JOCKERS DOWN THE ROAD SURE-SHOT! I'M CURIOUS AS TO HOW THEY'RE BEING GUARDED...

WELL, YOU CAN GO RIGHT AHEAD, CHUM... I'M GOING BACK AND CATCH UP ON MY SACK TIME... I'LL TAKE YOUR LIFE JACKET BACK! SEE YOU AT CHOW!



WHAT A MOB!! GUESS THEY'RE BEING HELD ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT RIDGE... HEY, WHAT ARE THOSE GUYS DIGGING...



THEY'VE DUG A HOLE NEAR THOSE ROCKS... AND SOME OF THE PRISONERS SEEM TO BE THROWING THINGS INTO THE HOLE... I WONDER IF THEY'RE BURYING GUNS WHICH THEY'VE KEPT HIDDEN THIS FAR... THAT COULD EXPLAIN WHY THEY DIDN'T MIND SURRENDERING... THEY HAVE SOME TRICK UP THEIR RAGGED SLEEVES!



LET ME SEE WHAT'S IN THAT HOLE... WHAT'RE YOU CLOWNS UP TO... I'LL HEY! PUT DOWN THAT SHOVEL...

HEY!



SO, YOU WANT TO PLAY, HUH!

AND AS FOR YOU, YOU TWO BIT NAPOLEON... OH, OH, LOOKS LIKE I'M TAKING ON THE ENTIRE CROWD!



AND THAT EVENING A WORRIED SURE-SHOT FINDS A BATTERED HOT ROCK

I WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, SO I CAME OUT THIS WAY... AND I FIND YOU LYIN' IN THIS DITCH... WHAT HIT YOU, PAL?

I THOUGHT I SAW THE REDS BUR-YIN' GUNS BUT THEY CONKED ME BEFORE I COULD SEE ANY-THING! THE GOON WHO SEEMED TO BE THEIR BOSS WORE A TIN HAT, BUT THAT'S ALL I KNOW... BOY WHAT A LUMP I GOT!





LATE THAT NIGHT

WHAT'S THAT SWISHING SOUND I'VE BEEN HEARING FOR THE LAST FEW MINUTES? IT'S FAMILIAR... I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE... I REMEMBER... IT'S THE SOUND GLIDERS MAKE... I USED TO FLY ENOUGH OF THEM TO KNOW...

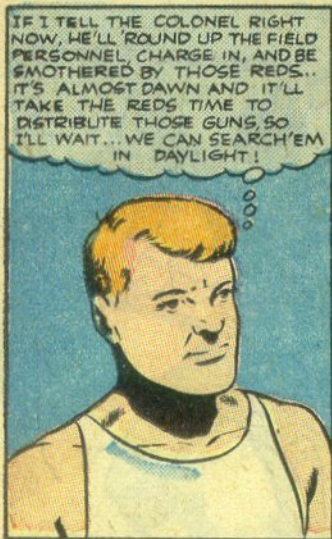


HEY, SURE-SHOT!! WAKE UP... SOMETHING'S GOING ON OUTSIDE—C'MON!

WHAT TH— HEY! WHAT'S WRONG? WE'RE BEIN' ATTACKED! WHERE'S MY GUN... MY HAT...



WELL, I'LL BE... THERE ARE GLIDERS... AND THEY'RE DROPPING CHUTES INTO THE PRISONERS' AREA... HEY, I'LL BET A DIME THOSE GLIDERS ARE DROPPING GUNS AND AMMO...



IF I TELL THE COLONEL RIGHT NOW, HE'LL ROUND UP THE FIELD PERSONNEL, CHARGE IN, AND BE SMOTHERED BY THOSE REDS... IT'S ALMOST DAWN AND IT'LL TAKE THE REDS TIME TO DISTRIBUTE THOSE GUNS, SO I'LL WAIT... WE CAN SEARCH 'EM IN DAYLIGHT!



MEN FOUND NOTE ADDRESSED TO YOU ON ONE OF PACKAGES, COMRADE...

AH, YES FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE COMMISSAR, NO DOUBT!



THIS NOTE TELLS US WE ARE NOT TO LAUNCH OUR ATTACK UNTIL DAWN TOMORROW... THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE YANKEE ARMY IS MOVING UP TO THIS AREA TODAY AND BY DELAYING OUR ATTACK WE'LL BE ABLE TO CAPTURE THEM...

BUT, MAJOR, WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH ALL THE EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DROPPED TO US? WHERE CAN WE CONCEAL IT FROM YANKEE EYES WHEN DAYLIGHT COMES?



IT IS A PROBLEM... THESE STUPID COMMISSARS NEVER THINK OF SUCH THINGS WHEN THEY GIVE THESE ORDERS... AH... HAVE THE MEN MOVE THAT FRAME SHACK AND DIG A HOLE WHERE IT NOW SITS! PUT ALL EQUIPMENT INTO THE HOLE AND THEN MOVE THE SHACK BACK, OVER THE HOLE... QUICKLY! DAWN IS NOT FAR AWAY!



...AND THE NEXT MORNING...
COLONEL! DID YOU SEE THOSE GLIDERS LAST NIGHT? HAS ANYONE TOLD YOU WHAT'S HAPPENED?

I HEARD THE PRISONERS CONKED YOU FOR BOTHERING THEM... WHAT'S HAPPENED NOW?



I SAW A BUNCH OF GLIDERS DROPPING CHUTES CARRYING BIG PACKS INTO THE PRISONERS' FIELD... WHAT ELSE WOULD THEY DROP BUT GUNS AND AMMO? ASK SURE-SHOT... HE SAW THEM, TOO!

GLIDERS? GUNS? WHAT IS ALL THIS RIDICULOUS TALK, SURE-SHOT?



HOT ROCK WOKE ME UP, COLONEL, BUT I ... I GUESS I WENT BACK TO SLEEP... I DIDN'T SEE A THING!

CALL IN THE SERGEANT OF THE GUARD, HOT ROCK. WELL SEE IF HE'S HEARD ANYTHING! THAT SOCK ON THE HEAD MUST HAVE AFFECTED YOU...

OH, NO!



I ... NO SIR, NOTHING ABOUT GLIDERS WAS REPORTED, BUT THE GUARDS ARE FEW AND SO SPREAD OUT AROUND THE PRISONERS' AREA THAT NONE OF EM WERE NEAR THE DROP ZONE THAT HOT ROCK ... ER THE LIEUTENANT, SHOWED US!

...AND ALSO, HOT ROCK, WHAT BECAME OF ALL THE GLIDERS? MAYBE THEY VANISHED IN A PUFF OF SMOKE, EH?

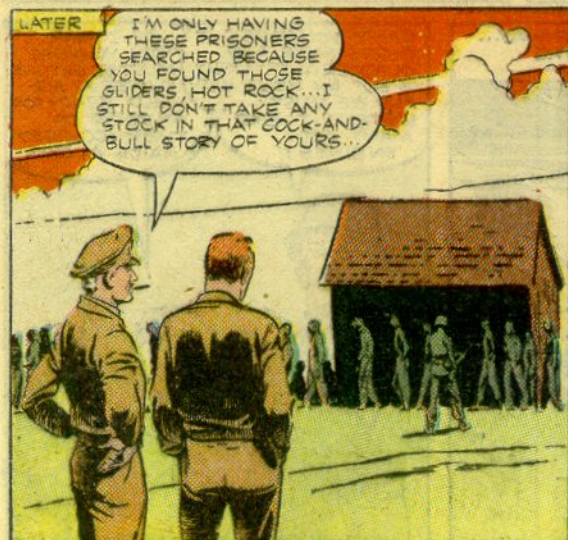


... OF ALL THE STUBBORN, CROCHETY OLD... I'LL FIND THOSE GLIDERS IF I HAVE TO BUILD THEM MYSELF!



HEY HOT ROCK... LET'S GO HOME! WE'VE COVERED EVERY FOOT OF THESE HILLS AND...

LOOK! SURE-SHOT... HALF HIDDEN IN THE BRUSH ALONG THAT STREAM... A COUPLE OF SMASHED GLIDERS! SO I WAS DREAMING, HUH...



LATER
I'M ONLY HAVING THESE PRISONERS SEARCHED BECAUSE YOU FOUND THOSE GLIDERS, HOT ROCK... I STILL DON'T TAKE ANY STOCK IN THAT COCK-AND-BULL STORY OF YOURS...

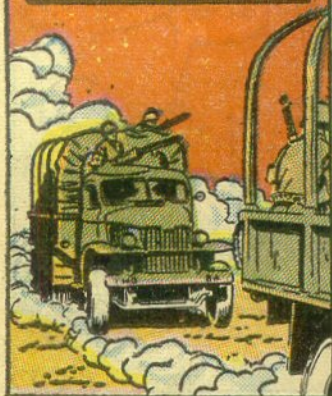


WE FOUND A FEW KNIVES AND PISTOLS WHICH WE KNOW THEY DIDN'T HAVE BEFORE, COLONEL... BUT CERTAINLY NOT ANY SUPPLY OF ARMS SUCH AS HOT ROCK REPORTED DROPPED!

HMM... WELL, HOT ROCK, I'LL DO THIS MUCH FOR YOU... G.H.Q. IS MOVING INTO THIS AREA WITHIN A FEW HOURS AND I'LL TELL YOUR STORY TO THE GENERAL... IF HE WANTS TO FOLLOW IT THROUGH, OKAY! IF NOT, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE ABOUT GUNS, GLIDERS, AND CHUTES!

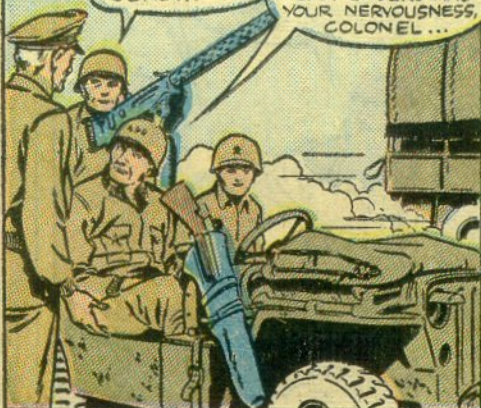
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A FEW HOURS LATER THE FORWARD ECHELON OF G.H.Q. STARTS PILING PAST THE AIRFIELD ENROUTE TO THEIR NEW SIVOJAC AREA...



...AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY, GENERAL... MY PILOT FOUND SOME GLIDERS A FEW MILES SOUTH OF THE FIELD, SO THE WHOLE WEIRD BUSINESS IS POSSIBLE... THOUGH WE CAN'T FIND ANY SUPPLY OF GUNS...

WHEN WE DECIDED ON THIS SPOT FOR HEADQUARTERS I CERTAINLY DIDN'T THINK WE'D HAVE 20,000 REDS FOR NEIGHBORS... I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR NERVOUSNESS, COLONEL...



THESE PRISONERS WILL BE MOVED TO THE REAR TOMORROW BUT WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES! I'LL ALERT ALL NEARBY UNITS TO SEND ADDITIONAL GUARDS... BUT THERE'S THE CATCH! IF THE REDS INTEND TO MAKE A BREAK THOSE UNITS WON'T ARRIVE IN TIME TO PREVENT IT...



THAT EVENING...

COLONEL, I HAVE AN IDEA WHICH MIGHT TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEM UNTIL REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE!

WELL, WHAT IS IT, HOT ROCK? I'D HATE TO SEE THE REDS OVERRUN OUR EQUIPMENT... I'M AT MY WIT'S END...

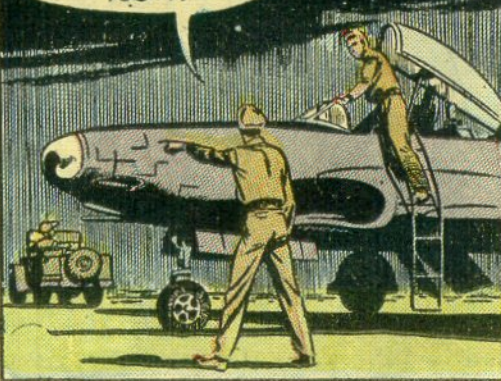


WELL, WHAT WE NEED IS PLenty OF FIRE POWER SO...



... AND A FEW MOMENTS LATER THE DARKENED AIRFIELD BECOMES A SCENE OF ROARING JET ENGINES AND BUSTLING ACTIVITY...

TAKE YOUR SHIP OUT FIRST, HOT ROCK... THE OTHERS WILL GUIDE ON YOU...



ONE AFTER THE OTHER, THE JETS TAXI DOWN THE RUNWAY... AND CONTINUE ON, BOUNCING AND SWAYING OVER THE ROUGH BUT LEVEL GROUND BEYOND...

WITH THE RACKET THESE ENGINES ARE MAKING, WE CERTAINLY CAN'T SNEAK UP ON THOSE REDS...



CAN'T YOU PASS OUT THOSE GUNS ANY QUICKER... DAYLIGHT IS BUT AN HOUR AWAY AND WE MUST... LISTEN!! I HEAR MANY JET ENGINES!!

YES, I HEAR TOO! YANKEES MUST BE GETTING PLANES AT AIRFIELD READY FOR ANOTHER OF THEIR ACCURSED RAIDS AT DAWN!





STANGE HOW LOUD THOSE ENGINES SOUND THIS MORNING... BUT WE WILL SILENCE THEM FOREVER IN A FEW MOMENTS!

THE MEN ARE IN POSITION AND READY TO ATTACK. MAJOR: THE YANKEES WILL BE HELPLESS AGAINST OUR POWER! SHALL I SOUND THE BUGLE FOR OUR VICTORIOUS ADVANCE?



DAWN IS BREAKING... BLOW THE... NO! WAIT!! W-WHAT IS THIS I SEE ??? IT IS INCREDIBLE!

THE YANKEE!

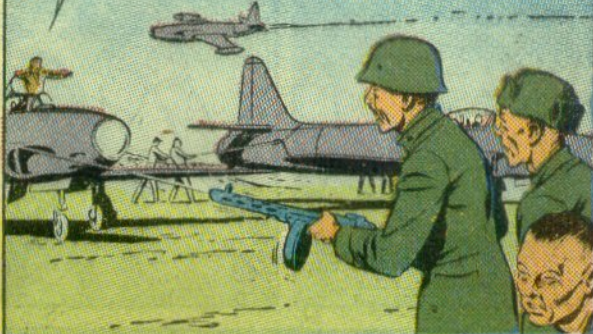


YOU PRISONERS ARE SURROUNDED BY PLANES WITH MANY MACHINE GUNS AND ROCKETS WHICH CAN CUT DOWN THOUSANDS OF YOU IN A FEW MINUTES!



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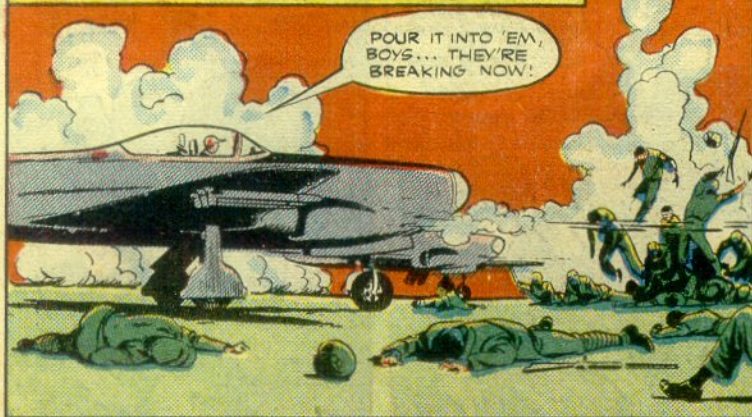
DOPES!



FORCE 'EM TO BREAK, BOYS! TAXI INTO THEM AND HERD THEM TOWARD THE CENTER...



THE BLASTS OF MACHINE GUN FIRE, THE SHRILL SCREAM OF JET ENGINES, ROCKETS STREAKING THROUGH THEIR RANKS, DUST AND CONFUSION... ALL PROVE TOO MUCH FOR THE NERVES OF THE RED TROOPS AND THEY FALL BACK IN A CONFUSED, MILLING TANGLE...



POUR IT INTO 'EM, BOYS... THEY'RE BREAKING NOW!

REALIZING HIS ARMY IS BEATEN, THE RED LEADER PLAYS DEAD UNTIL THE TAXIING PLANES REACH HIM...



THE YANKEES WON'T CAPTURE ME... I CAN ESCAPE WHEN THIS PLANE PASSES ME!



HA! ONE OF THOSE REDS WAS PLAYING POSSUM AND... HEY, THAT'S THE GOON IN THE HAT THAT TOLD HIS BOYS TO JUMP ME... AND HE'S TRYING TO ESCAPE TO THE HILLS... I'LL GET THAT LAD MYSELF!



I OWE YOU SOMETHING, PUNK... NOW I'M PAYING YOU BACK!

YOU!



THIS ONE'S ON YOU, BUD...



THAT TAKES CARE OF MY PERSONAL BUSINESS! LOOKS LIKE THE REDS HAVE FINALLY QUIT... THEY'RE PILING THEIR GUNS WITHOUT BEING TOLD THIS TIME... I'LL CALL IN THE PLANES UPSTAIRS TO FINISH THOSE WEAPONS...



HELLO, SCARLET LEADER... THEY'VE PILED ALL THEIR GUNS AND OTHER STUFF... COME ON DOWN AND PUT A FIRE BOMB ON THE PILE! OVER AND OUT!

ROGER!



HOW'S 'AT, HOT ROCK... I SEE THE GENERAL'S JEEP TEARIN' OVER YOUR WAY... HE'S PROBABLY GONNA PIN A MEDAL ON YOU PAL...

YEP...! GUESS HE KNOWS WHO'S WINNIN' THIS WAR!



I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR QUICK THINKING, COLONEL! IF YOUR SCHEME HADN'T WORKED, THOSE REDS WOULD HAVE POSED A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE ENTIRE ALLIED REAR AREA... SEE THAT YOU RECEIVE A FITTING COMMENDATION FOR THIS!

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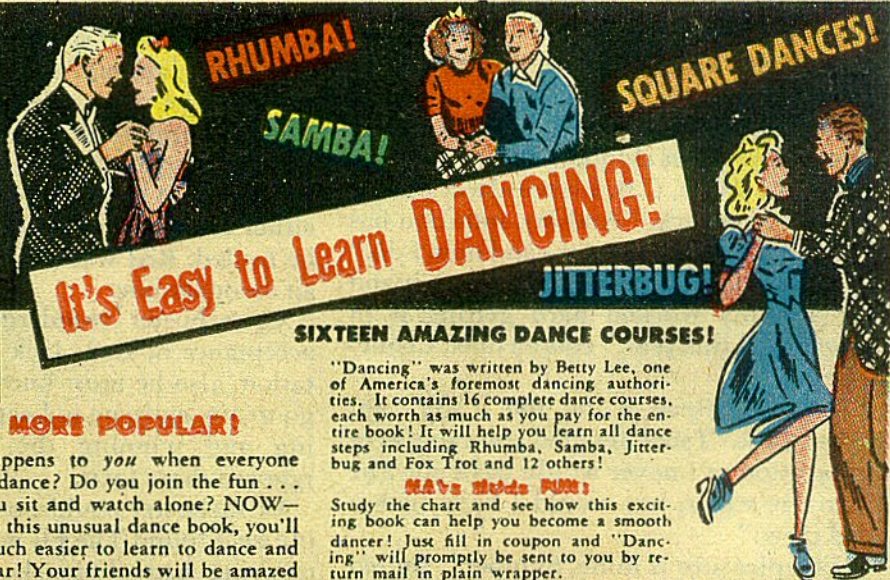
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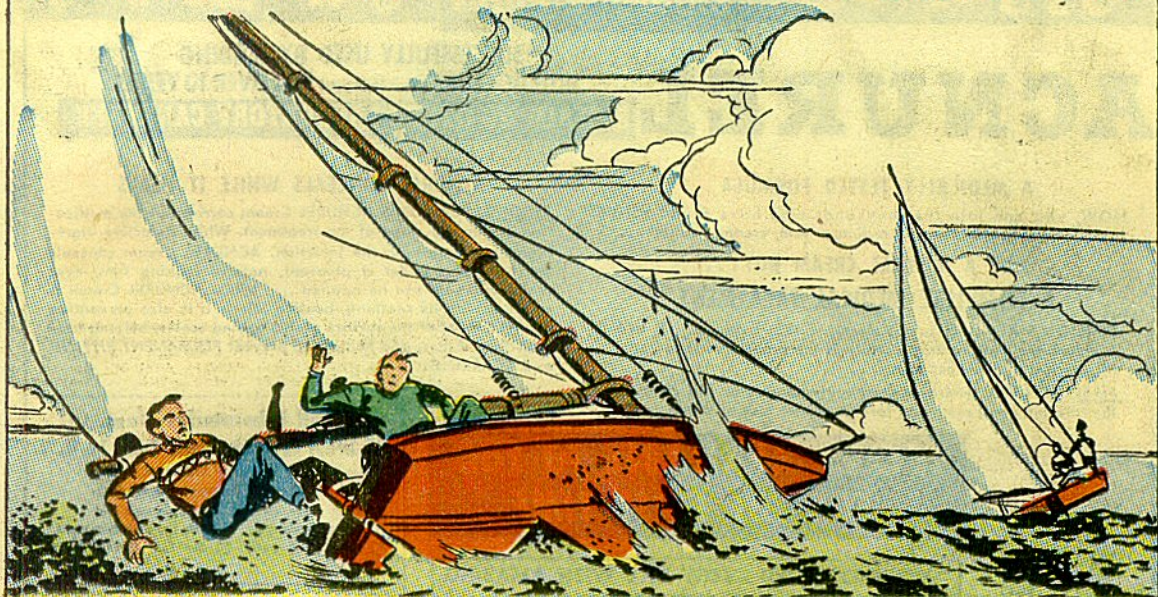
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JACK was a born sailor, he sailed by intuition. It was incredible how he sensed a hidden gust or draft and caught in the sails any stirring air. Sailing on Crown Lake was tricky business, Crimebuster thought as he lay on the deck of *The Elf*. The wind is erratic as it buffets against the mountains or scoots down through a valley.

"How'd you learn to sail, Jack?" queried Crimebuster of his skipper.

"I don't know, C.B. I have always loved it," answered Jack. "And my ambition has always been to have a boat—and now I do."

"Well, you've worked hard to get it and you certainly worked hard getting it in shape to sail this year," commended Crimebuster.

"You've helped a lot, too, C.B.," answered Jack. "I sure am glad you came here for vacation or I never would have got *The Elf* in the water, nor would I have such a good crew."

"The pleasure is mine, Skipper," smiled Crimebuster, "wish I could be here to sail in the races."

"Well, you'll get some practice this afternoon," Jack explained. "Red's coming out in *The Brownie* and we'll have a practice run around the course."

"Red?" queried Crimebuster in surprise, as his mind raced over what he'd learned

of Red during his short stay at Crown Lake.

According to the sailing crowd Red and Jack were the two best sailors on the lake and the picked winners for the season's races. Sympathy was entirely with Jack because of his clean sportsmanship. Red's unpopularity among the sailors had grown through the years. His lack of sportsmanship had appeared incredible. Many times he had neglected to report his fouls and never would he give in to the right of way, either causing his opponent to give way or be fouled. Red was an excellent sailor but an arrogant one.

Crimebuster wondered at Jack's quiet acceptance of Red. Jack knew Red's reputation, also he must know that Red would go to any extreme to keep Jack from entering and winning the races. Yet, Jack ignored these facts.

Crimebuster could not forget the morning he'd found *The Elf* washed ashore. The mooring had obviously been cut. It was mere luck that *The Elf* had run aground on the beach rather than been dashed on the rocks.

"Ready about?" queried Jack, bringing Crimebuster abruptly out of his thoughts.

"Hard a-lee," answered Crimebuster, proud of his nautical lingo.

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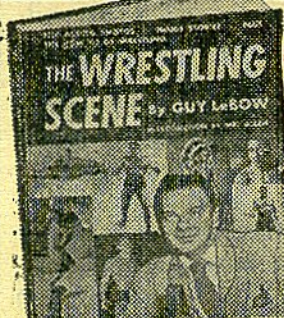
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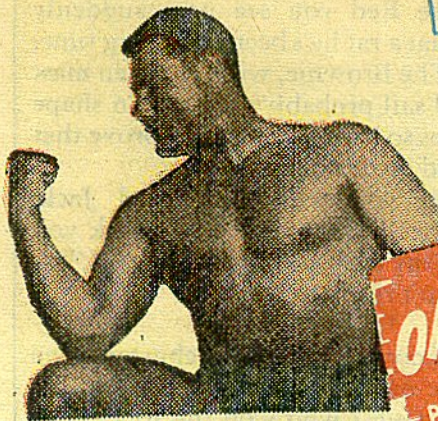
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The Elf flew before the wind over to meet The Brownie at the starting buoy. Jack instructed Crimebuster in his duties as crew, "Stay on the lee as much as possible. We travel fastest on our side. Watch the lee boards, be sure the windward board is down before we come about and before the other's up—or over we go. Keep the jib trim but let it take all it can."

"Ay, Ay, Sir," answered Crimebuster.

The Brownie and The Elf met with "Ahoys!" and started themselves down the long stretch to Buoy #1. Crimebuster felt the tension of racing. He dared not move fearing he'd slow them down. The two boats, almost bow to bow, swept along. The Elf would inch ahead then The Brownie would regain. Thinking that this tack might make them overshoot the buoy, Jack tacked sooner than Red.

"I think several short tacks instead of a long one will be better. The wind is east and we're better off staying close to the source," explained Jack.

"Looks like Red has other ideas," said Crimebuster as he noticed The Brownie was still pursuing the original tack.

"He may be right," answered Jack. "Who knows?"

Jack, however, rounded the buoy first and The Elf sailed westward before the east wind. Crimebuster and Jack looked at each other, a little more relaxed, then looked behind to see how their opponent was making out. Red was approaching the buoy.

"Look!" screamed Jack. "That gust! The trees on the shore! That will hit Red just as he rounds, I hope he's ready!"

Crimebuster looked toward the east shore. The tall pines were swaying violently. Then he watched the gust as it hit and darkened the lake.

Red intently approached the buoy. Tex, his crew, busily worked the boards. They swung around just as the gust hit. Crimebuster and Jack watched breathlessly. The gust caught the sail and violently jibed the boat, they almost somersaulted forward. Red was thrown from the stern into the sail.

Jack gasped, "We've got to go back. Red might be caught in the sail. Watch the gust and ready about."

They came about before the gust hit. As the fatal gust approached, Jack headed into it and avoided any casualty. Crimebuster kept his eye on The Brownie and watched for Red and Tex. Soon he saw one of them bobbing around in the water. It was Tex. As they sailed up to the capsized boat, Jack dived into the water after having instructed Crimebuster to keep the boat headed into the wind. After the violent gust the wind was steady again. The sodden Tex swam over and crawled aboard.

It seemed an eternity before Jack's head appeared. As Crimebuster saw Jack pull Red to the surface he breathed a sigh of relief. They hauled Red aboard, and Crimebuster promptly started artificial respiration. Red was limp as a rag and for an endless time there was no sign of life. Finally, his eyes opened and he gasped for air.

Crimebuster volunteered to stay with the capsized boat until help arrived; meanwhile Jack sailed Tex and Red to shore.

The next day Red was thoroughly recovered. However, when Jack went to see him he was confronted by a new Red.

"Well, Jack," Red said, "I almost had to drown to have some sense knocked in my head."

"What do you mean, Red?" queried Jack.

"I've been thinking all night. The Red you knew yesterday probably wouldn't have turned around and come to anyone's rescue. The Red you see now suddenly realizes what a rat he's been for a long time. But, now The Brownie, with a broken mast and ripped sail probably won't be in shape for the races so I won't be able to prove that I've learned my lesson."

"Oh, yes you will," answered Jack. "That's what I came over for, to ask you if you'd be my crew during the races if The Brownie isn't ready to sail."

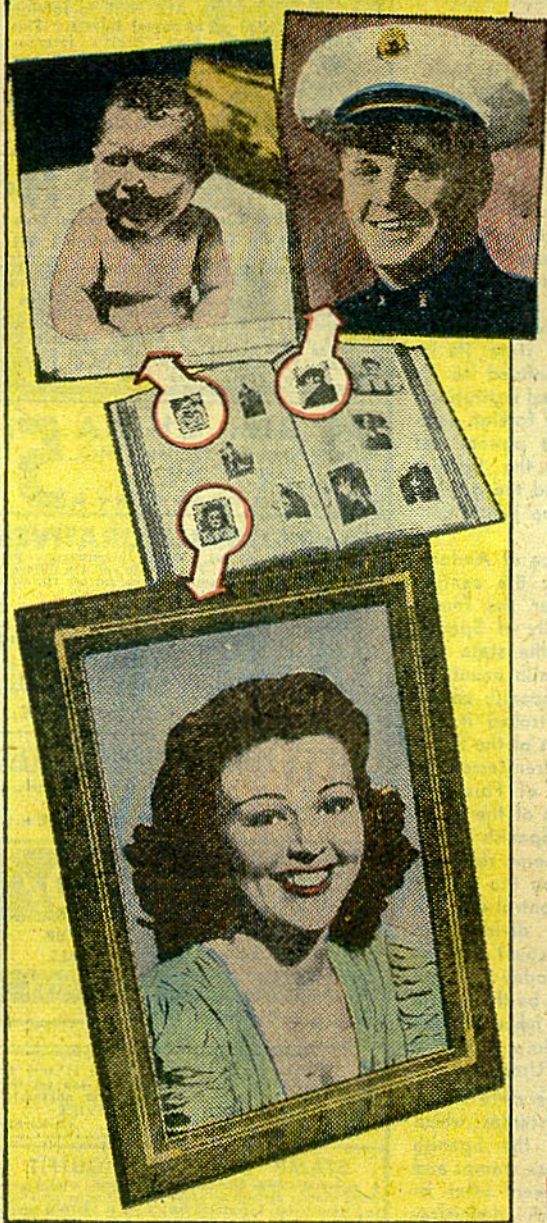
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"Well, Loover," said Crimebuster as he handed the morning paper to the District Attorney, "Guess who won the Regatta at Crown Lake?"

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Although Andorra is described as an independent state, its independence is confined to its local government and institutions. It cannot make any foreign commitments for these powers rest in the hands of the Spanish bishop of Urgel and the government of France who jointly control it.

The independence of Andorra dates back to the 8th century when it was under the feudal lordship of a family of Spanish counts. In 1170, the state was ceded to the Spanish counts of Castelbo by the Spanish counts of Urgel who controlled it. By marriage, the rights of the Spanish counts were transferred to the French count of Foix who married the heiress of the house of Castelbo. The Spanish bishop of Urgel claimed some rights to this state hence, by the Act of Division of 1278, control over the state was equally divided between the French count and the bishop of Urgel. Today the state is jointly controlled by the French government who inherited the count of Foix's claim and by the Spanish bishop of Urgel.

In 1928, the little state issued its first postage stamps which were released by the Spanish administrators. These stamps and those sets which were later issued by the Spanish administrators contained the name "Andorra" and the monetary unit was the peseta. The first stamps issued by the French administrators were in 1931 and these bore the name "Valley of Andorra" and had as its monetary unit, the franc. Although there are but a few thousand people living in Andorra, hundreds of thousands of these stamps were printed. Naturally many of these stamps were printed to satisfy the desire of stamp collectors.



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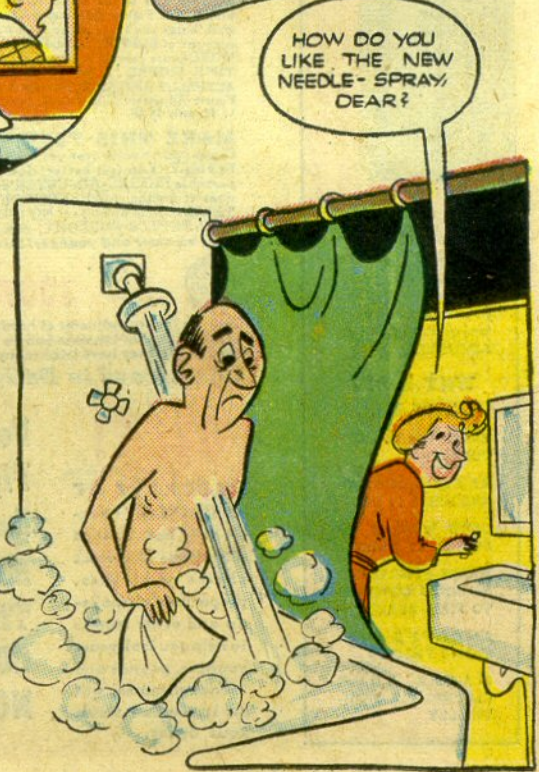
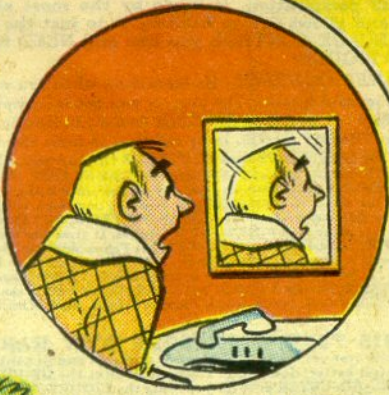
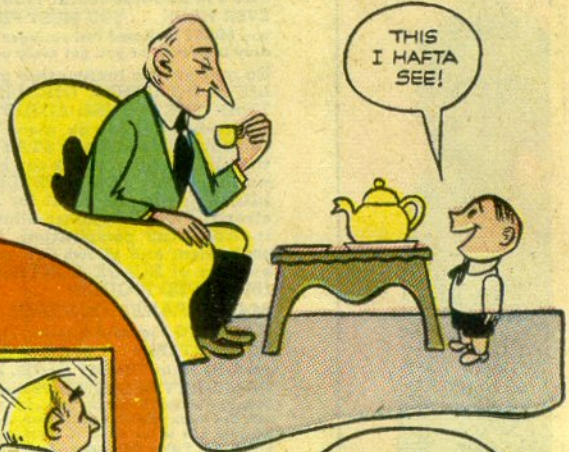
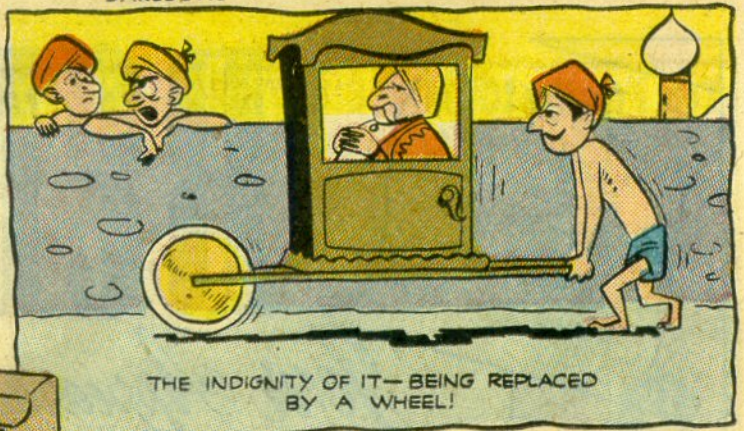
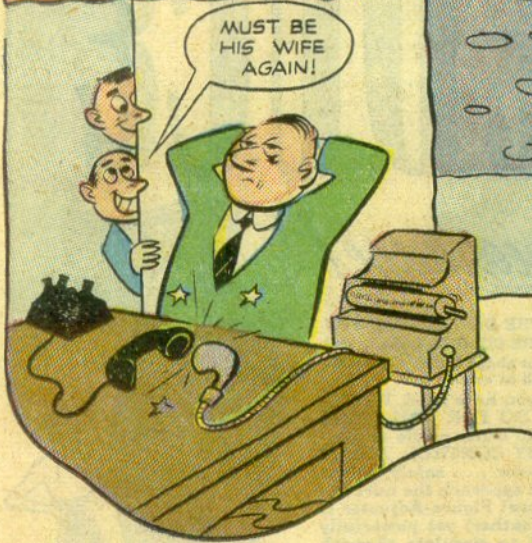
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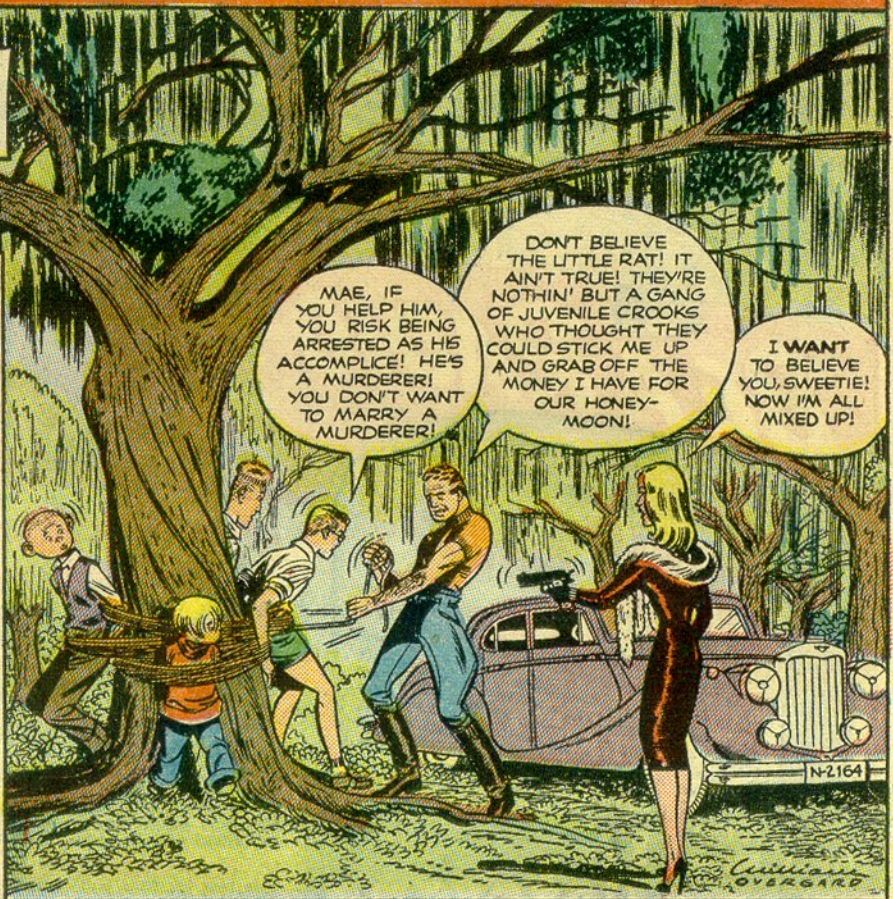
SLUGGER *and* THE LITTLE WISE GUYS

in "THE STABLE OF HORROR"

story by
CHARLES BIRO

BEWARE OF A BOSS WHO IS CRUEL TO HIS EMPLOYEES! HE IS DISHONEST! MANY A SEEMINGLY NICE GUY HAS TURNED INTO A WHIP-SNAPPING SLAVE DRIVER AT HIS FIRST TASTE OF AUTHORITY! A SMART BOSS KNOWS THAT IT TAKES SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING AS WELL AS EFFICIENCY TO GET THE MOST AND THE BEST FROM HIS STAFF! THE SIMON LEGREE IS DECEITFULLY ATTEMPTING TO REDUCE HIS UNDERLINGS TO A STATE OF TERRIFIED WEAKNESS! IN THAT HUMBLE STATE THEY MAKE EXCELLENT SCAPEGOATS FOR THE FUMBLING MISTAKES OF THEIR SUPERVISOR! NICE OLD MR. DOBBS WAS ON THE VERGE OF A CRACK UP BUT HIS DISHONEST BOSS BECAME HIS ESCAPE VALVE—WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM SLUGGER AND THE WISE GUYS, OF COURSE!

Charles Biro



MAE, IF YOU HELP HIM, YOU RISK BEING ARRESTED AS HIS ACCOMPLICE! HE'S A MURDERER! YOU DON'T WANT TO MARRY A MURDERER!

DON'T BELIEVE THE LITTLE RAT! IT AIN'T TRUE! THEY'RE NOTHIN' BUT A GANG OF JUVENILE CROOKS WHO THOUGHT THEY COULD STICK ME UP AND GRAB OFF THE MONEY I HAVE FOR OUR HONEY-MOON!

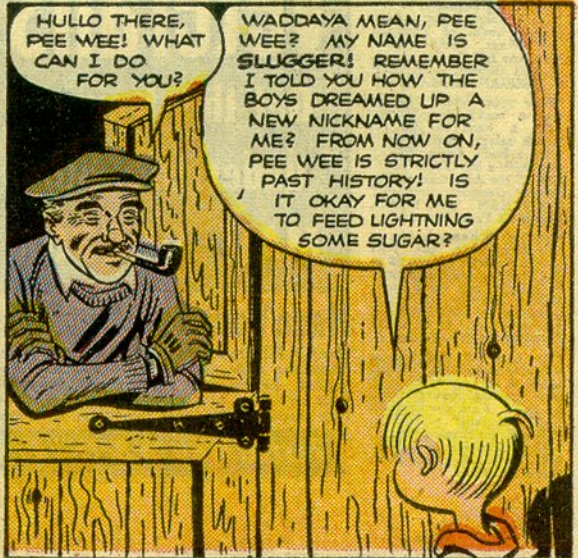
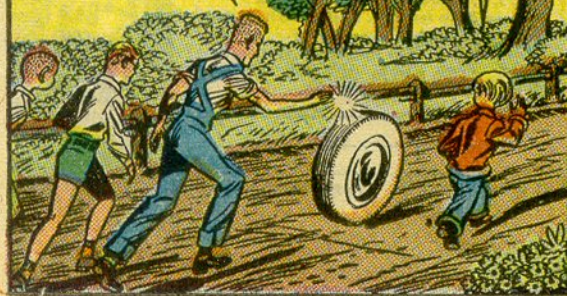
I WANT TO BELIEVE YOU, SWEETIE! NOW I'M ALL MIXED UP!

YOU WOULD HAVE TO TALK US INTO WALKING FOUR BLOCKS OUT OF OUR WAY TO THE GAS STATION JUST SO YOU CAN FEED SUGAR TO MR. DOBBS' OLD HORSE! WE'LL NEVER GET THIS TIRE REPAIRED!

AW, PIPE DOWN! WE'RE NEARLY THERE, AND BESIDES, MR. DOBBS SAID HE MIGHT TAKE US FOR A RIDE IN HIS HORSE AND CARRIAGE! HE'S FULL OF CUTE TRICKS, SO BE ON YOUR GUARD!

HULLO THERE, PEE WEE! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

WADDAYA MEAN, PEE WEE? MY NAME IS SLUGGER! REMEMBER I TOLD YOU HOW THE BOYS DREAMED UP A NEW NICKNAME FOR ME? FROM NOW ON, PEE WEE IS STRICTLY PAST HISTORY! IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO FEED LIGHTNING SOME SUGAR?



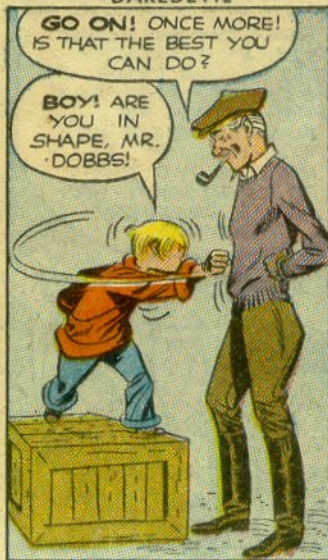
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SO IT'S SLUGGER NOW, EH? OKAY. LET'S SEE YOU SLUG! C'MON, HIT ME! HERE IN THE MIDRIF WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!

OKAY, LIGHTNING, THAT'S ALL THE SUGAR FOR TODAY! BRACE YOURSELF, MR. DOBBS!

THE OLD BOY MUST BE CRACKING UP!



GO ON! ONCE MORE! IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?

BOY! ARE YOU IN SHAPE, MR. DOBBS!



HOW ABOUT YOU, SCARECROW? YOU WANT TO TRY IT? IF YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF HURTING YOUR HAND, THAT IS!

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! I'M LIABLE TO KNOCK YOU OUT!

GO ON, SCARECROW! HE ASKED FOR IT!



OKAY, BUT DON'T BLAME ME! OW!!



EEEOWW! MY POOR HAND! YOU'RE AS HARD AS A ROCK!

SO YOU WERE GOING TO KNOCK HIM OUT, EH? HA-HA-HA-HA!



HA-HA-HA! YOU AND I SURE PULLED THAT ONE OFF! LET'S SEE IF WE CAN CATCH SCARECROW AGAIN!



LET ME GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO GET EVEN, SCARECROW! I'LL BET YOU A KICK IN THE PANTS THAT YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME IF I STAND ON ONE END OF THE PAPER AND YOU ON THE OTHER!

IT CAN BE DONE! THIS'LL BE A SNAP!

OKAY, I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT!



HEY! WAIT A SEC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

JUST CLOSING THE DOOR!



I'M ON MY END OF THE PAPER! NOW, GO AHEAD AND TOUCH ME, SCARECROW!

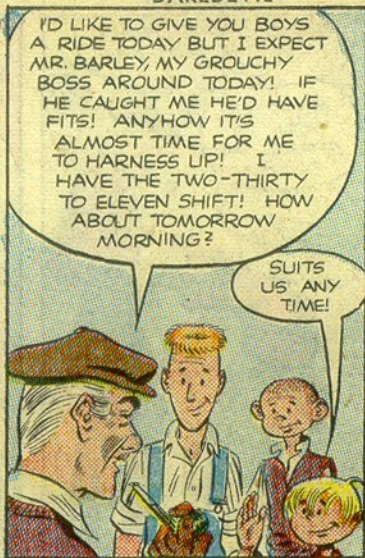
HA-HA-HA! TO THINK YOU FELL FOR THAT OLD CORN COB!

I GUESS I LOSE!



YOUR DEBT IS PAID IN FULL, SCARE-CROW!

NOT SO HARD PLEASE!

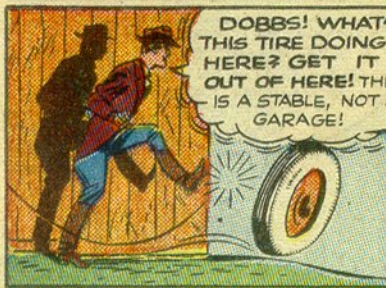


I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU BOYS A RIDE TODAY BUT I EXPECT MR. BARLEY, MY GROUCHY BOSS AROUND TODAY! IF HE CAUGHT ME HE'D HAVE FITS! ANYHOW IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR ME TO HARNESS UP! I HAVE THE TWO-THIRTY TO ELEVEN SHIFT! HOW ABOUT TOMORROW MORNING?

SUITS US ANY TIME!



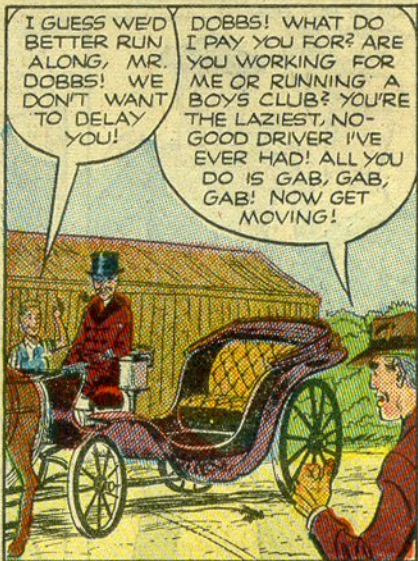
THAT FOOL DOBBS IS WASTING HIS TIME WITH THOSE BRATTY KIDS AGAIN! I'M RUNNING A STABLE, NOT A CLUBHOUSE FOR DELINQUENTS! HE'S BEEN ASKING FOR THE AXE!



DOBBS! WHAT'S THIS TIRE DOING HERE? GET IT OUT OF HERE! THIS IS A STABLE, NOT A GARAGE!

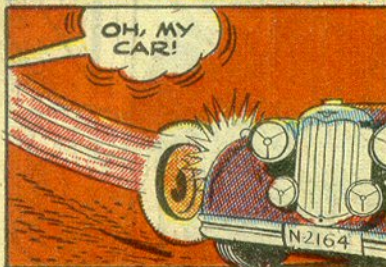


BLAST THAT DOBBS! NOW SEE WHAT'S HAPPENED! IT'S HIS FAULT! TAKE THE CAR, MAE, AND I'LL MEET YOU TONIGHT AT THE GREEN MILL AFTER I TAKE CARE OF SOME BUSINESS!

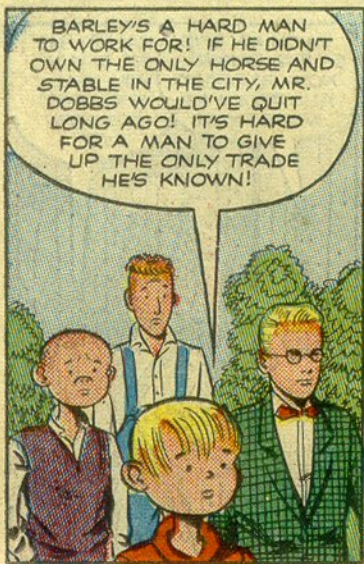


I GUESS WE'D BETTER RUN ALONG, MR. DOBBS! WE DON'T WANT TO DELAY YOU!

DOBBS! WHAT DO I PAY YOU FOR? ARE YOU WORKING FOR ME OR RUNNING A BOYS CLUB? YOU'RE THE LAZIEST, NO-GOOD DRIVER I'VE EVER HAD! ALL YOU DO IS GAB, GAB, GAB! NOW GET MOVING!



OH, MY CAR!



BARLEY'S A HARD MAN TO WORK FOR! IF HE DIDN'T OWN THE ONLY HORSE AND STABLE IN THE CITY, MR. DOBBS WOULD'VE QUIT LONG AGO! IT'S HARD FOR A MAN TO GIVE UP THE ONLY TRADE HE'S KNOWN!



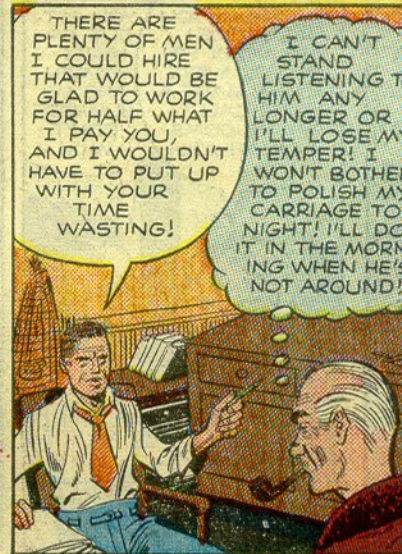
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A TAXI! CAN YOU GET ME TO THE MADISON BANK AT THE CORNER OF LANE AND 27TH BY THREE-BEFORE IT CLOSES!

I'LL DO THE BEST I CAN!



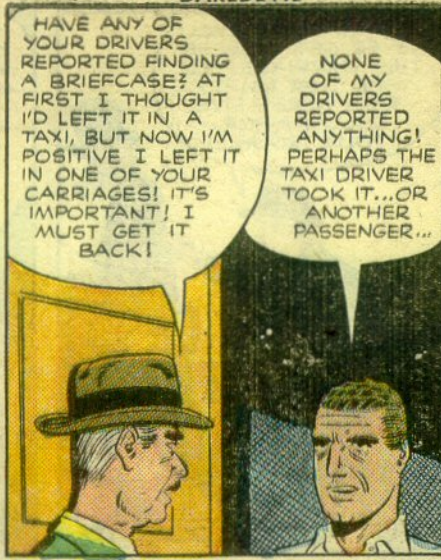
BUT IT'S ONLY SEVEN MINUTES PAST CLOSING TIME! SURELY YOU CAN LET ME IN! I HAVE A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO DEPOSIT!

I'M SORRY SIR, BUT ORDERS ARE ORDERS! IF I LET YOU IN, I COULD GET FIRED!





I HAVE TO HIDE THE BRIEFCASE SOMEPLACE ELSE! IT WON'T FIT UNDER HERE! WHO'S THAT COMING? JUST A MINUTE!



HAVE ANY OF YOUR DRIVERS REPORTED FINDING A BRIEFCASE? AT FIRST I THOUGHT I'D LEFT IT IN A TAXI, BUT NOW I'M POSITIVE I LEFT IT IN ONE OF YOUR CARRIAGES! IT'S IMPORTANT! I MUST GET IT BACK!

NONE OF MY DRIVERS REPORTED ANYTHING! PERHAPS THE TAXI DRIVER TOOK IT...OR ANOTHER PASSENGER...



THERE IT IS—ON THE FLOOR! IN THAT ROOM!

THAT'S AN OLD ONE OF MINE!



WHY ARE YOU SO LATE GETTING HERE, MISTER BARLEY? ARE YOU TWO-TIMING ME?

NOTHING LIKE THAT, BABY! JUST BUSINESS! EXCUSE ME A MINUTE! I JUST HAVE ONE MORE THING TO DO!

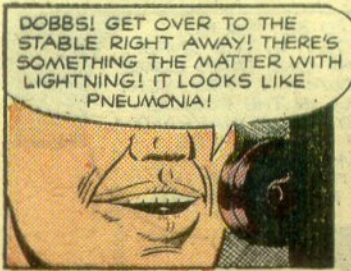


OH, THERE YOU ARE, STEVIE! WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GONNA MAKE A PHONE CALL? LEMME COME IN WITH YOU!

YOU GET OUT OF HERE! WOMEN AND MY BUSINESS DON'T MIX!



THE TWO-TIMING LOUSE! I'LL BET HE'S CALLING UP ANOTHER GIRL! WHY ELSE WOULD HE BE SO TOUCHY ABOUT MY LISTENING?



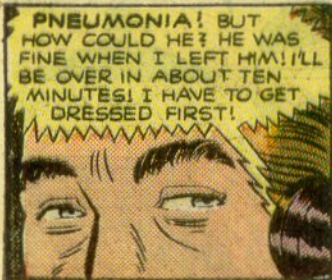
DOBBS! GET OVER TO THE STABLE RIGHT AWAY! THERE'S SOMETHING THE MATTER WITH LIGHTNING! IT LOOKS LIKE PNEUMONIA!



WHERE'S BARLEY? I THOUGHT HE WAS PHONING FROM HERE! LUCKY I BROUGHT MY KEY OR I COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN IN! OOPS! WHAT WAS THAT?



A MAN'S BODY! BETTER CALL THE POLICE! GOSH, WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIM BEFORE?



PNEUMONIA! BUT HOW COULD HE? HE WAS FINE WHEN I LEFT HIM! I'LL BE OVER IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES! I HAVE TO GET DRESSED FIRST!

WHY DID YOU INSIST ON WALKING INTO THIS DIRTY STABLE?

SHUT UP! IT'S MY PLACE! DOBBS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? AND WHO IS THAT MAN ON THE FLOOR? HE LOOKS DEAD! DOBBS! WHY DID YOU DO IT?



WAIT A MINUTE! I JUST THIS MINUTE FOUND HIM HERE! I CAME OVER AS SOON AS YOU PHONED ME AND SAID THAT LIGHTNING WAS SICK!



WHAT'S THE CHARGE AGAINST THAT OLD GENT, HANLEY? HE'S BEING BOOKED FOR MURDER! CLUBBED AN OLD GUY TO DEATH OVER IN THAT LIVERY STABLE ON 5th STREET!



TELL THE MEN I WANT 'EM ON DOUBLE DUTY TONIGHT! I TALKED TO THE VICTIM'S WIFE! SHE SAID HER HUSBAND HAD GONE OVER TO THE STABLE TO RECOVER A BRIEFCASE FULL OF MONEY THAT HE LEFT IN A CARRIAGE! NOW THE MONEY IS MISSING!

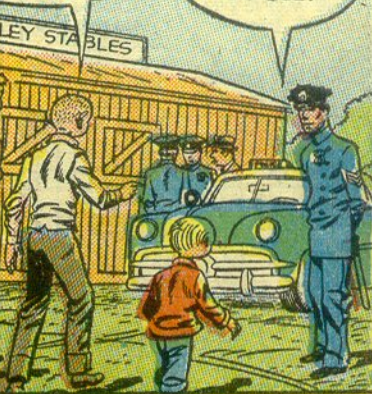
THEN ALL WE HAVE TO DO TO CLINCH THE CASE IS TO FIND WHERE DOBBS HAS HIDDEN IT!



WHEN THE POLICE FIND THE BRIEFCASE BEHIND DOBBS' HOUSE, THEY'LL HAVE ENOUGH PROOF TO HANG HIM!



HEY! WHERE'S MR. DOBBS? MIGHOSH! WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE? HAS THERE BEEN AN ACCIDENT?



DOBBS IS BEING HELD FOR MURDER! THE BODY WAS FOUND HERE IN THE STABLE!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WHY DO YOU SUSPECT DOBBS? HE WAS CAUGHT RED-HANDED, STANDING OVER HIS VICTIM, BY BARLEY AND HIS GIRL FRIEND WHO HAPPENED TO BE PASSING AND SAW A LIGHT IN THE STABLES! APPARENTLY DOBBS FOUND A BRIEFCASE FULL OF MONEY IN HIS CAB AND PLANNED TO KEEP IT!



THE VICTIM MUST HAVE DISCOVERED HIS LOSS AND COME TO CLAIM THE MONEY! IT WAS ALMOST \$20,000--THE WEEK'S COLLECTION OF THE CHAIN OF GROCERY STORES MANAGED BY JOHNSON, THE VICTIM! DOBBS MUST HAVE REFUSED TO RETURN IT! THE MONEY IS STILL MISSING! WE'RE SEARCHING FOR IT NOW!



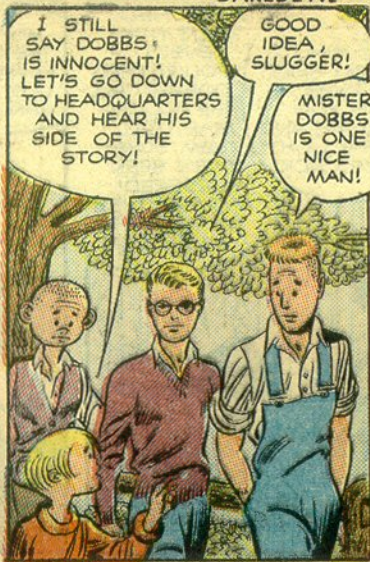
WE CAN'T FIND ANY TRACE OF THE BRIEFCASE OR THE MONEY! WE'VE SEARCHED THE STABLES AND DOBBS' APARTMENT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM!



MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE STOLE THE MONEY! MAYBE DOBBS IS INNOCENT! IT SEEMS TO ME IF HE STOLE THE MONEY, YOU'D HAVE FOUND IT BY NOW!



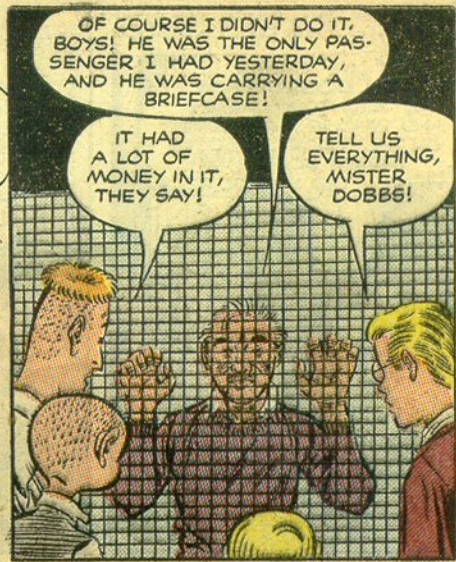
THEY STILL HAVEN'T DISCOVERED THE BRIEFCASE IN DOBBS' GARBAGE CAN! I'D BETTER HIDE SOME OF THIS MONEY IN DOBBS' ROOM WHERE THEY CAN FIND IT!



I STILL SAY DOBBS IS INNOCENT! LET'S GO DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEAR HIS SIDE OF THE STORY!

GOOD IDEA, SLUGGER!

MISTER DOBBS IS ONE NICE MAN!



OF COURSE I DIDN'T DO IT, BOYS! HE WAS THE ONLY PASSENGER I HAD YESTERDAY, AND HE WAS CARRYING A BRIEFCASE!

IT HAD A LOT OF MONEY IN IT, THEY SAY!

TELL US EVERYTHING, MISTER DOBBS!



WHY COULDN'T BARLEY HAVE SNOOPED INTO YOUR CARRIAGE AND FOUND THE MONEY IN THE BRIEFCASE?

THAT'S JUST IT! HE DID! HE CALLED ME BACK TO TELL ME, AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND TOLD ME HE'D RETURN IT MYSELF!



I WENT HOME TO BED, AN ABOUT AN HOUR LATER, BARLEY PHONED AND TOLD ME TO GO RIGHT TO THE STABLE BECAUSE LIGHTNING WAS SICK! I WALKED IN AND DISCOVERED THE BODY, BUT NOBODY BELIEVES ME!

WE BELIEVE YOU, MR. DOBBS, AND WE'RE GOING TO PROVE YOU'RE INNOCENT, TOO!

YOU BET!



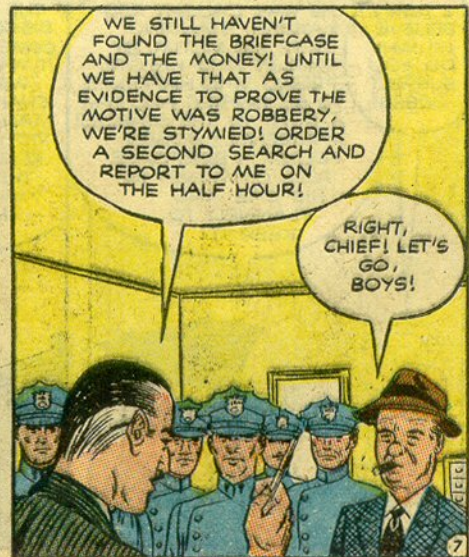
I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL TO PICK A SPOT THE POLICE HAVEN'T SEARCHED!



THIS HOLLOW BED POST IS GOOD! I KNOW THE POLICE WILL TAKE THIS PLACE APART WHEN THEY SEARCH A SECOND TIME!



IT'S A SHAME TO WASTE ANY OF THIS, BUT I MUST CONVINCE THE POLICE THAT DOBBS IS GUILTY!



WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE BRIEFCASE AND THE MONEY! UNTIL WE HAVE THAT AS EVIDENCE TO PROVE THE MOTIVE WAS ROBBERY, WE'RE STYMIED! ORDER A SECOND SEARCH AND REPORT TO ME ON THE HALF HOUR!

RIGHT, CHIEF! LET'S GO, BOYS!

MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY! WE JUST FOUND THE BRIEF-CASE IN A PILE OF RUBBISH BACK OF DOBBS' BEDROOM WINDOW, AND DETECTIVE SLOAN FOUND PART OF THE MISSING MONEY HIDDEN IN A BED POST!

GOOD! THAT CLINCHES IT!

THE EVIDENCE AGAINST DOBBS GETS TIGHTER EVERY DAY, AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND A CLUE FOR HIS DEFENSE! IT'S GOING TO BE AWFULLY HARD TO EXPLAIN AWAY THE MONEY THEY FOUND IN HIS ROOM!

THEY DIDN'T FIND ALL THE MONEY! IT WAS ONLY ABOUT \$2,000! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF IT?!

MONEY FOUND IN DOBBS ROOM

WHAT IF BARLEY PLANTED THE MONEY IN DOBBS' ROOM TO FRAME HIM! THAT'S WHAT I THINK HAPPENED! IF THERE WAS ONLY SOME WAY WE COULD PROVE THAT BARLEY HAS THE REST OF IT!

A FAT CHANCE WE'D HAVE OF GETTING NEAR HIM! HE KNOWS WE'RE ON DOBBS' SIDE SO WE'D BE POISON TO HIM!

WAIT! WE HAVE ONE CHANCE! HIS GIRL FRIEND, MAE, IS SUE FOLEY'S SISTER! SUE HAS ALWAYS HAD A YEN FOR JOCK SINCE SHE WAS IN THE SAME CLASS IN HIGH SCHOOL! JOCK, IF YOU WERE TO PLAY UP TO SUE, YOU MIGHT PICK UP SOME INFORMATION ABOUT BARLEY THROUGH HER!

WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE A MEAN TRICK TO PLAY ON SUE, BUT DOBBS' LIFE IS AT STAKE! I'LL DO IT!

JOCK PULLED IT OFF PERFECTLY! NOW IF ONLY HE MAKES A GOOD FOLLOW-UP!

OOOPS! SUE! HELLOOO, JOCK!

I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU! GOSH, YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY! I'M GLAD I HAD A CHANCE TO SEE YOU AGAIN! LET ME HELP YOU CARRY THOSE PACKAGES TO YOUR HOUSE! THAT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO!

THANK YOU, JOCK!

WHY NOT COME IN FOR A WHILE, JOCK? HAVE A COKE AND LISTEN TO SOME NEW RECORDS I JUST BOUGHT!

YOU BET, SUE!

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THIS ONE? OH, I HEAR MY SISTER! EXCUSE ME!

CLICK!

MAE, I WANT YOU TO MEET A FRIEND OF MINE FROM SCHOOL, JOCK! THIS IS MY SISTER MAE! GOLLY! WHERE DID ALL THOSE PACKAGES COME FROM? DON'T TELL ME YOU WON A RADIO QUIZ SHOW!

BETTER THAN THAT!



OHH! HOW BEAUTIFUL! BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME...WHERE YOU GOT ALL THOSE THINGS?

FROM STEVE BARLEY, DARLING! NOW DON'T GET EXCITED! I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE HIM, YOU THINK HE'S A CHEAPSKATE, BUT THIS PROVES YOU'RE WRONG!

THAT'S NOT LIKE BARLEY!



HERE'S A PRESENT FOR YOU! GO EASY ON IT! IT'S REAL HIGH CLASS PERFUME...\$30 AN OUNCE!

OHHH! FOR ME?



UMMMM! IT'S YUMMY! SMELL IT, JOCK! IT'S CALLED FEMME ALLURE!

UH...VERY NICE! I GUESS I'D BETTER BE RUNNING ALONG,SUE! SEE YOU SOON!



I DIDN'T THINK BARLEY COULD AFFORD TO SPLURGE LIKE THIS, MAE! HE NEVER DID BEFORE!

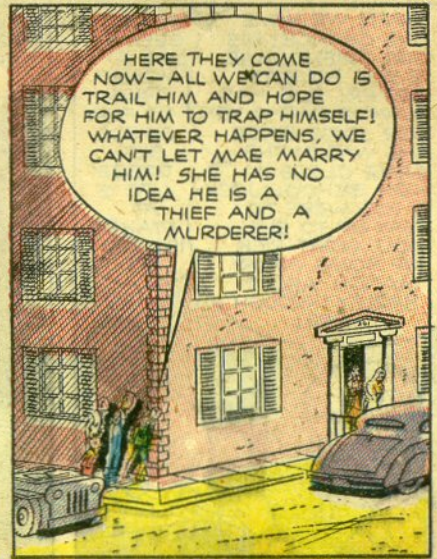
HE INHERITED A LOT OF MONEY VERY UN-EXPECTEDLY, SUE! WE'RE GOING TO ELOPE! HE'LL BE HERE IN AN HOUR! BUT DON'T BREATHE A WORD TO ANYONE!



DID YOU FIND OUT ANYTHING, JOCK?

DID I! WAIT TILL I TELL YOU! HE'S SPENDING MONEY LIKE CRAZY! BARLEY IS OUR MAN! HE'S GOING TO ELOPE WITH MAE! WHERE CAN WE BORROW A CAR, QUICK?

MAYBE BAILEY'S GARAGE WILL LEND US THEIR JEEP!



HERE THEY COME NOW— ALL WE CAN DO IS TRAIL HIM AND HOPE FOR HIM TO TRAP HIMSELF! WHATEVER HAPPENS, WE CAN'T LET MAE MARRY HIM! SHE HAS NO IDEA HE IS A THIEF AND A MURDERER!



GO ON, TAKE IT! THAT MONEY IS FOR YOU WHILE I'M AWAY, SUE! WISH US LUCK! OHH, I'M SO EXCITED!

DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO ANYONE ABOUT MAE AND ME! I HAVE...ER... BUSINESS REASONS FOR KEEPING THE ELOPEMENT A SECRET!

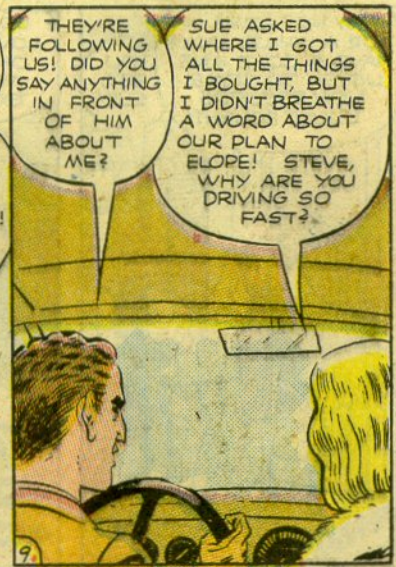


JOCK! OH, JOCK! YOO HOO!

WHO IS SUE WAVING AT IN THAT JEEP BEHIND US?

IT MUST BE JOCK HERENDEN, THE BOY WHO WAS AT THE APARTMENT THIS AFTERNOON WHEN I CAME BACK FROM SHOPPING! HE SEEMED LIKE A NICE BOY!

DARN IT! I HOPE BARLEY DOESN'T HEAR SUE!



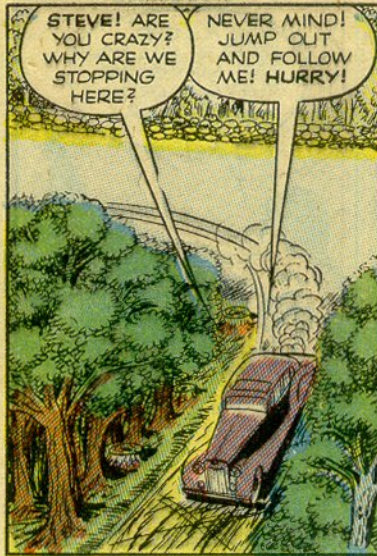
THEY'RE FOLLOWING US! DID YOU SAY ANYTHING IN FRONT OF HIM ABOUT ME?

SUE ASKED WHERE I GOT ALL THE THINGS I BOUGHT, BUT I DIDN'T BREATHE A WORD ABOUT OUR PLAN TO ELOPE! STEVE, WHY ARE YOU DRIVING SO FAST?



I UNDERESTIMATED THOSE LITTLE BRATS! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO—GET RID OF THEM!

BARLEY KNOWS WE'RE AFTER HIM! HE'S TRIED EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK TO SHAKE US!



STEVE! ARE YOU CRAZY? WHY ARE WE STOPPING HERE?

NEVER MIND! JUMP OUT AND FOLLOW ME! HURRY!

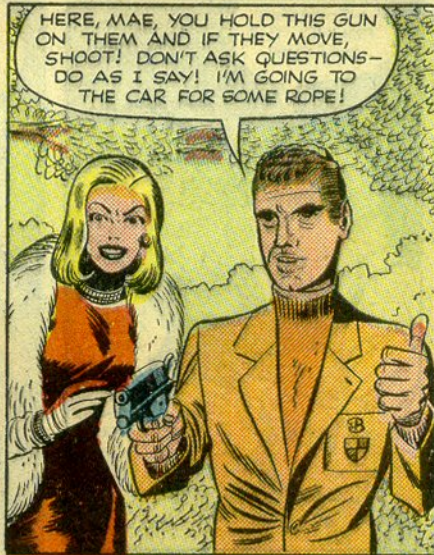


THEY'VE DESERTED THE CAR! I GUESS THAT PROVES BARLEY HAS A GUILTY CONSCIENCE! LET'S TRACK HIM DOWN! HE CAN'T BE FAR AHEAD!

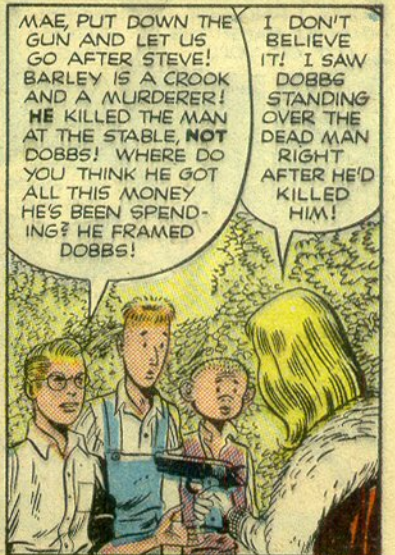
BUT LET'S BE CAREFUL! REMEMBER, HE'S A KILLER!



STICK UP YOUR HANDS! FOR WISE GUYS YOU'RE PRETTY DUMB TO MIX IT WITH ME!



HERE, MAE, YOU HOLD THIS GUN ON THEM AND IF THEY MOVE, SHOOT! DON'T ASK QUESTIONS—DO AS I SAY! I'M GOING TO THE CAR FOR SOME ROPE!



MAE, PUT DOWN THE GUN AND LET US GO AFTER STEVE! BARLEY IS A CROOK AND A MURDERER! HE KILLED THE MAN AT THE STABLE, NOT DOBBS! WHERE DO YOU THINK HE GOT ALL THIS MONEY HE'S BEEN SPENDING? HE FRAMED DOBBS!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I SAW DOBBS STANDING OVER THE DEAD MAN RIGHT AFTER HE'D KILLED HIM!



BARLEY KILLED THE MAN AND ROBBED HIM! THEN HE PHONED DOBBS AND TOLD HIM LIGHTNING WAS SICK! WHEN HE WAS SURE DOBBS HAD GOTTEN THERE, HE TALKED YOU INTO GOING TO THE STABLE WITH HIM!

PHONED...STEVE DID PHONE SOMEONE THAT NIGHT! I THOUGHT HE WAS CALLING A GIRL BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN DOBBS!



GOOD GIRL, MAE! YOU HOLD THE GUN WHILE I TIE THEM TO THIS TREE! THEY KNOW I CAME INTO THAT MONEY! THEY WERE PLANNING TO ROB ME!

THESE BOYS WOULDN'T STEAL A GLASS OF WATER! I MAY BE DUMB BUT NOT BLIND!



I'VE CHANGED MY MIND, STEVE! IT'S YOU I'M AIMING AT NOW! JUST WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THE MONEY? I DON'T BELIEVE YOU INHERITED IT!

MAE! YOU DON'T MEAN YOU'D STEAL THE WORD OF THESE LYING BRATS AGAINST MINE!



HONEY, THESE KIDS HAVE YOU ALL MIXED UP! YOU GIVE THAT GUN TO ME— COME NOW!

DON'T YOU COME NEAR ME! YOU DID KILL THAT MAN! I CAN TELL BY YOUR GUILTY LOOK! STAND BACK, OR I'LL...



I'VE A GOOD MIND TO KILL YOU, TOO! NOW GIMME THAT GUN OR I'LL BREAK YOUR ARM!



ONCE I FIND THAT GUN I'LL FINISH THE LOT OF YOU!

HURRY! HURRY, MAE...

...BEFORE HE FINDS THE GUN!

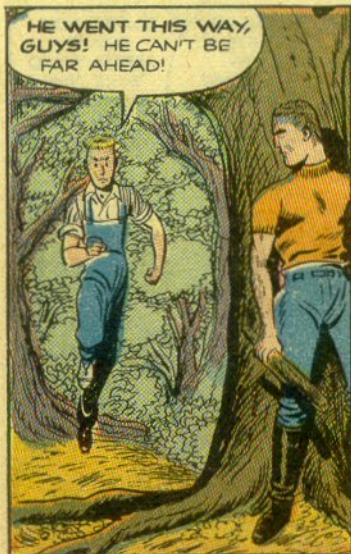


HE HASN'T FOUND THE GUN YET!

LET'S GET HIM!



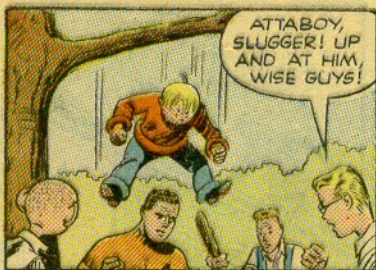
I CAN'T HANDLE 'EM ALL AT ONCE! I'LL PICK 'EM ONE AT A TIME!



HE WENT THIS WAY, GUYS! HE CAN'T BE FAR AHEAD!



PSST! I'M GOING UP THE TREE! YOU GUYS SURROUND HIM, THEN RUSH HIM WHEN I JUMP!



ATTABOY, SLUGGER! UP AND AT HIM, WISE GUYS!



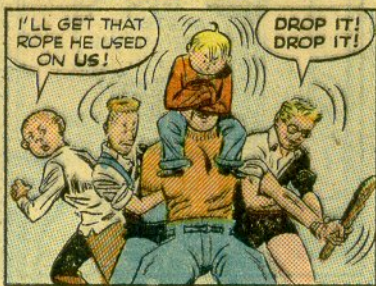
I FOUND THE MONEY HE STOLE IN THIS SUITCASE! THERE'S OVER \$15,000 HERE! IT MAKES ME SHIVER EVERY TIME I THINK HOW CLOSE I CAME TO MARRYING THAT CREEP!

CURLY, YOU AND SCARECROW GO WITH MAE AND FOLLOW US IN BARLEY'S CAR! IS HE TIED UP GOOD?

SURE - I DID IT MYSELF!

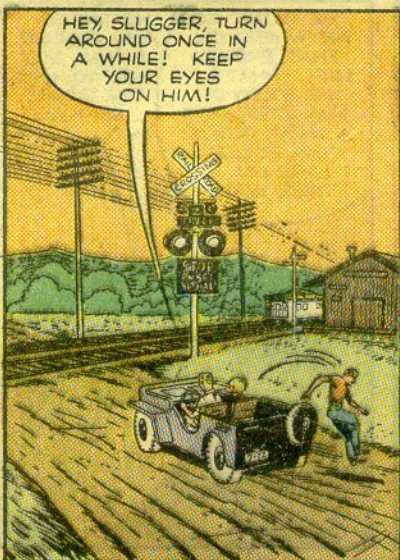


I CAN JUMP OVER THE BACK AND GET AWAY IF THEY'LL ONLY SLOW DOWN!

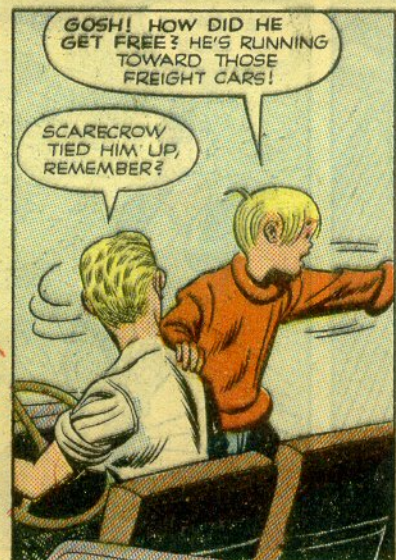


I'LL GET THAT ROPE HE USED ON US!

DROP IT! DROP IT!



HEY, SLUGGER, TURN AROUND ONCE IN A WHILE! KEEP YOUR EYES ON HIM!



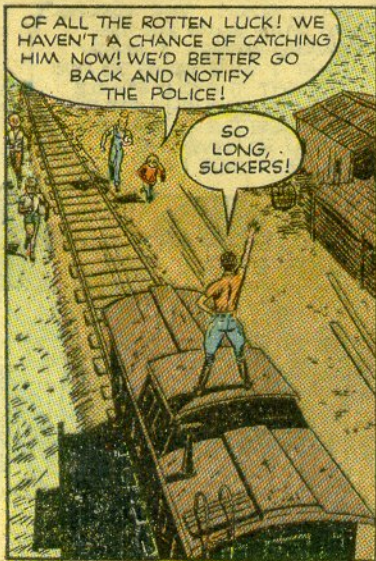
GOSH! HOW DID HE GET FREE? HE'S RUNNING TOWARD THOSE FREIGHT CARS!

SCARECROW TIED HIM UP, REMEMBER?



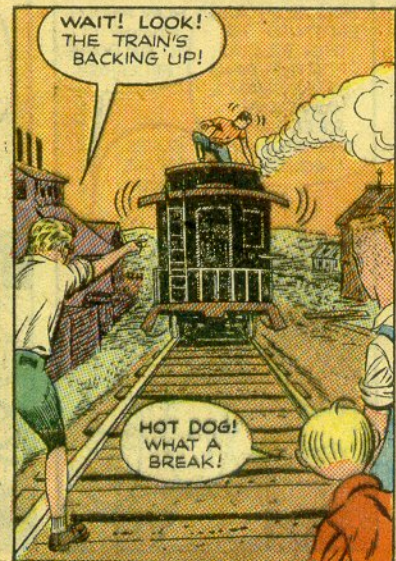
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S BARLEY?

HE GOT LOOSE! HE'S CLIMBING ABOARD THAT FREIGHT TRAIN THAT'S JUST PULLING OUT OF THE YARDS! C'MON!



OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK! WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF CATCHING HIM NOW! WE'D BETTER GO BACK AND NOTIFY THE POLICE!

SO LONG, SUCKERS!



WAIT! LOOK! THE TRAIN'S BACKING UP!

HOT DOG! WHAT A BREAK!



NO KID IS GOING TO OUTSMART BARLEY!

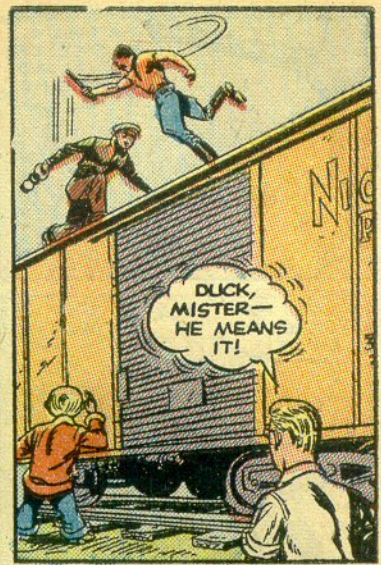


IT LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF TROUBLE! THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY THAT GUY IS BEING CHASED BY THOSE KIDS!



WHAT ARE THEY CHASING YOU FOR, MISTER?

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! GET OUT OF MY WAY, OR I'LL BREAK YOUR HEAD!



DUCK, MISTER— HE MEANS IT!



OH!!



EEGOWW! MY LEG!!



HE WON'T GO ANYWHERE ON THAT BROKEN LEG! WHAT'S THE STORY ON HIM, BOYS? HE'S A MEAN COOKIE! THE POLICE ARE ON THEIR WAY!

HE KILLED AND ROBBED A MAN, BUT NOW WE HAVE THE GOODS ON HIM!



WHEN THE WISE GUYS CALLED ON MR. DOBBS, THEY FOUND A HAPPY MAN...

THE CHIEF OF POLICE TOLD ME THE WHOLE STORY OF HOW YOU CAUGHT BARLEY! SO HE BROKE HIS LEG TRYING TO ESCAPE! TOO BAD THEY DON'T TREAT HIM LIKE THE HORSE!

THAT WOULD BE TOO GOOD FOR HIM!



YOU BOYS ARE ENTITLED TO THIS \$2,000 FOR HELPING MY INSURANCE COMPANY RECOVER THE STOLEN MONEY!

HOW ABOUT GIVING IT TO MR. DOBBS, FELLERS?

SUITS ME! HE SURE COULD USE IT!

HE REALLY DESERVES IT!



YESSIR, BOYS! THE MINUTE THAT MAN GAVE ME THE REWARD MONEY, I KNEW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO! I BOUGHT THE OLD STABLE AND HAD ENOUGH LEFT FOR THIS NEW RIG! I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THE FIRST RIDE IN IT!

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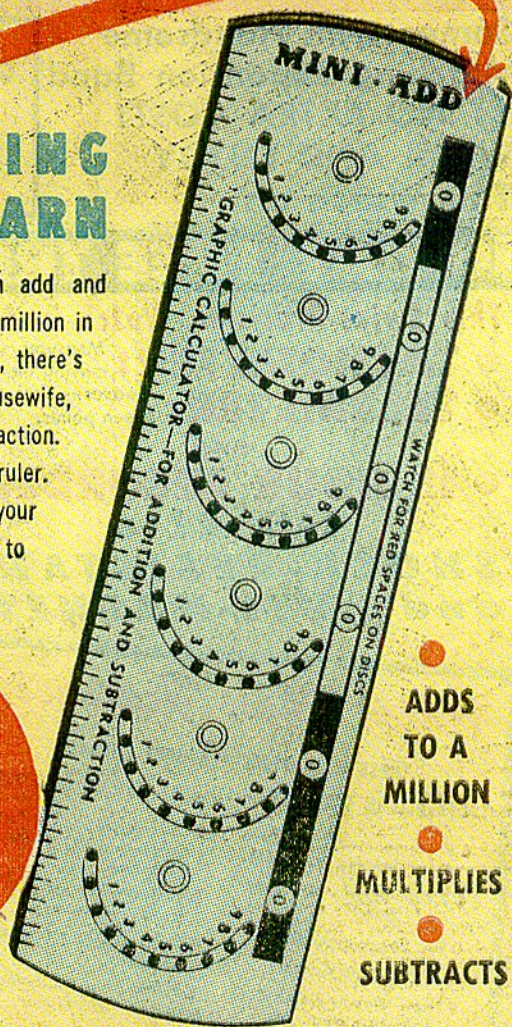
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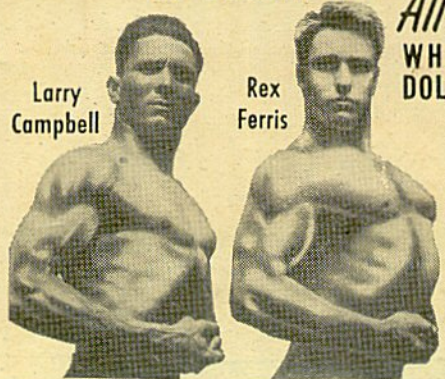
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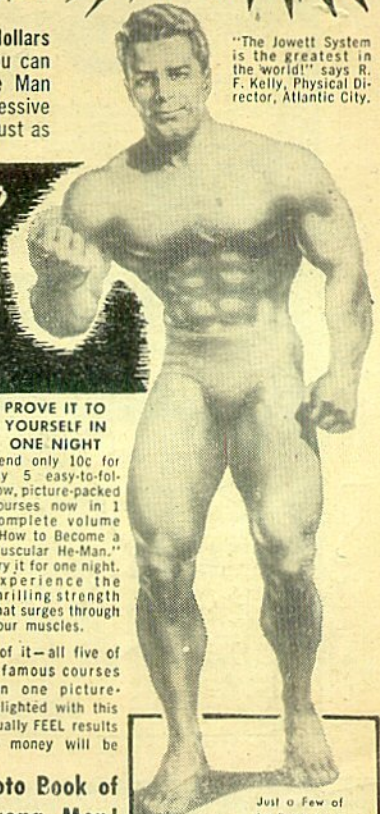
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